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They took the bodies and cut off the heads. They ate the hearts and drank the blood? The return of the cannibals



Exclusive Richard Lloyd Parry reports from Borneo

As many as four thousand people on the island of Borneo, including women and children, have been ritually murdered in an outhreak of head hunting and cannibalism which has been all but covered up by the Indonesian

Headless human remains seen by The Independent, together with graphic pictures obtained from a local photographer, represent the first solid evidence of what has until now been little more than rumour; an ethnic war of scarcely imaginable savagery, fought according to ancient principles of black magic, between inhahitants of

the world's founh biggest nation. The killings took place in the first two months of this year in the remote province of West Kalimanian, close to Indonesia's border with Malaysia, which shares the vast equatorial island of Borneo. Most of those who died were settlers from the island of Madura, east of the main In-

donesian population centre, Java. For decades, land disputes and cultural differences have caused simmering tension between the Madurese and the original inhabitants of Borneo, a race known as the Davaks. At the very end of last year it exploded, after two Dayak men were stahbed at a pop concert, allegedly by Madurese youths. The authorities restored an uneasy peace, but when rumours began to spread of similar attacks a month later, thousands of Dayaks, urged on by tribal shamans, began a series of moh attacks on

Madurese settlements. The road between Pontianak and the town of Pahauman, two and a half hours' drive to the north-east, is still lined with hundreds of burned out houses formerly occupied by Madurese. In thick jungle near the town of Salaoga last week, The Independent was shown a few of the victims of these attacks: six skeletons, five of them in a single spot. all of them lacking skulls.

Photographs taken by a local man on 7 February show severed heads lying in ditches, and a headless, mutilated body by the side of the road in Pahauman. Witnesses describe seeing thousands of Dayaks wearing war paint, and apparently in a trance state, shooting Madurese with

and apparently in a trance state, shooting Madurese with home made shotguns, cutting off their heads, drinking their blood and removing and eating their hearts. "On 1 February a gang of Madurese burned five Dayak houses in the morning," said a teacher in the town of Salati-ga, where some of the worst violence occurred. "I was watching from my hathroom window when about 1,000 Dayaks arrived in town. A lot of the Madurese had already run away, but about 50 stayed . . . Three of them got shot - Sinem. Haji Marsuli, and another man I didoff their heads with swords. Then they cut open their backs and pulled out the hearts, and they are the hearts and drank the blood."

A Javanese man returned that evening to find his home hurned down and the headless bodies of six of his Madurese neighbours, including an 80-year old woman, lying on the road with their hearts ripped out. A foreign Catholic priest in another village described seeing his parishioners return carrying heads as trophies. Local Catholic priests in Dayak villages estimate that 200 Dayaks and 4,000 Madurese were killed in the fighting. The Institute of Dayakology Research and Development, a nongovernmental organisation in the West Kalimantan capital of Pontianak, puts the numbers of dead at 1700. The government acknowledges fewer than 300 dead. An cestimated 20,000 Madurese are still living in dormitories guarded by the military

Headhunting in the Borneo jungle, pages 8 and 9



The skull of a Madurese tribesman, one of 4,000 killed - and many of them eaten - in an ethnic

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Scots Tories lan split from party

Political Correspondent

The Scottish Conservatives are preparing to split from the English party at their annual conference later this month. Supporters of the move hope it. will help their party to win new popularity after the loss of all the Scottish Tory seats in the general election, and that it will give them a better chance of success in Labour's planned Scottish parliament.

It would also allow them to elect a leader instead of having one chosen for them by the English party leader, and to select candidates independently instead of from a Central Officeapproved list. However, it would deprive them of financial support from the Tory headquarters in London. The new party might change its name. possibly to the Scottish Unionst Association.

This weekend the chairman of the Scottish party said she believed that members would call for radical change at the forth-coming gathering in Perth, and that the Conservative leadership in Smith Square, London, would accept their decision. Annabel Goldie, chairman of

the Conservative Central Office in Scotland, has told party members: "Nothing is off

Miss Goldie was given the job by John Major just weeks before the general election when her predecessor, Michael Hirst, was forced to resign after admitting a homosexual affair. This conference, in short, is

talking about the survival of the party," she said. When the Scottish Conservatives were linked with the English party 20 years ago it was felt to be an efficient system, she said, but

that might no longer be the case. In many respects it has been effective and it has been worthwhile. But there may be an argument that events have

ever, she added, it would be inappropriate for her to give her to comment on demands for a new, autonomous Scottish par-

ty at this stage. "If the demand for change and for radical restructuring is as clament as I anticipate it will be, then that clament demand will indeed require to he processed," she said.

Party leaders in London had accepted that their Scottish



Annabel Goldie: Anticipates clament demand for change

wing must decide its own future, she added, "I think south of the border there is enormous sympathy for the position in which we find ourselves, and a readiness to accept that we have to determine what it is we must do to survive," she said.

The party would be quite capable of surviving financially as an independent entity, she added. However, it would he likely to retain strong links with its English counterpart because of its belief in the union. Another crucial decision to be taken at this month's conference of the Scottish Conservative

and Unionist Association will be its approach to the referendum on a Scottish parliament, due to

he held in September. Miss Goldie is chairman of the professional wing of the Scottish Conservatives, the equivalent of the Smith Square headquarters in London. This month's conference is of its voluntary wing, the Scottish Con-servative and Unionist Association. Some members argue that the new party should unite these two wings and act as a single organisation with an elected leader.

The former foreign secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, has been suggested as a possible leader, hui it is believed he still hopes to return to Westminster after losing his Edinhurgh Pentlands

However, Mr Rifkind said in an article in the Scotsman last week that Conservatives north of the border should reform as a modern unionist party with separate funding and a dis

tinctly Scottish identity.
Other Scottish Conservatives have complained bitterly that the party leadership has been out of touch with what was hap-

pening north of the border. Arthur Bell, chairman of the Scottish Tory Reform Group, Is among them. He believes the party has defied its own principles by becoming more centralised and would like to see an independent group at Westminster which would work with the Conservatives as a number of independent centre-right parties work together in Europe.

"You cannot have your policies handed down by people who very occasionally come up to shoot in Scotland," he said. Leadership contest, page 4

Budget will stop child benefit for 16-18 year olds

Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, will signal the go ahead for the re-placement of child benefit for 16-18 year olds with an educational allowance as part of a radical welfare-to-work strategy to be

unveiled in his first Budget. Mr Brown, who will today seek to put jobs at the centre of the Enropean agenda at a meeting of European finance ministers, is planning a wide-ranging package of measures to get young people back to work as part of nextmonth's Budget.
A review of the detailed pro-

posals for the education allowance, including the amount and eligibility, is being carried out by Baroness Blackstone, hut senior Cabinet sources said Mr Brown will confirm the plans in

There was speculation that the proposals for replacing child ben-efit had been abandoned, after they appeared to have been watered down to a review in the Labour election manifesto.

plans will be financed largely by the £5bn windfall profits tax on the privatised utilities. Scrapping child benefit for 16to 18-year-olds could release an But sources close to the Chanestimated £600m to pay for edu-cation allowances for children cellor last night denied any change of the policy. "There is a com-

from poorer families to continue with their education beyond the existing school leaving age. The welfare to education review, produced last September by Mr Brown with Harriet Harman, now the Social Security Secretary,

and David Blunkett, the Employment and Education Secretary, said: "The current system of child benefit after 16 does not work. It is not universal and never has been ... The mother of an unemployed 16-year-old loses it. The mother of an Etonian sixthformer in a millionaire family receives £1,500 over three years." Mr Blunkett was wary about

scrapping part of child benefit, which goes to around 12.5 million children and nearly seven million families, but is fully behind the moves to offer children allowances to stay on in some form of education or training.

As part of preparing children for work, Education ministers this week will tell schools to pay more attention to literacy and numeracy. It may mean cutting class projects and trendy teaching methods, to concentrate on the three "Rs" of reading, writing and arithmetic, pending the outcome of a curriculum review.

Treasury sources refused to confirm weekend speculation that Mr Brown had decided to keep mortgage interest tax relief (Miras), worth £27 a month to the average householder on the

maximum relief of 15 per cent on the first £30,000 of a mongage. Scrapping it would save around £3hn and would remove the unfair advantage over those renting property, but it would be a heavy blow to "middle England" voters, who put their trust in Mr Blair at the election, particularly after two hikes in interest rates.

Mr Blair promised no increases in the tax rates, but Mr Brown is expected to raise more taxes in the Budget through allowances. and closing loopholes on business, with "green" car taxes on polluting "gas guzziers", company curs, and closing company tax loop-

Mr Blair this week will take a unique opportunity lo explain the Government's plans for flexible working policies in Europe by addressing the board of the Ford motor company in a London hotel. It will be the first time that the US executives as a group have been addressed by a Prime

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Ahern takes power Ireland's centre left Government last night conceded defeat to Bertie Ahern's Fianna Fail party and its allies, who will depend on a handful of Independents. Page 7

A chat to be had Fathers may think they are doing children a favour by sparing them the embarrassment of talking about sex but, according to new research, they should think again. Page 3

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Whitehall to act over lost radioactive dumps

The Government promised yesterday to take action to deal with hundreds of uncharted radioactive dumps left over from the

Radioactive material was often buried in landfill sites during the Fifties and Sixties before proper regulations came into force. Now a nuclear engineer has estimated that there are more than 500 such dumps all over the country with radioactive material leaking into the surrounding earth.

Michael Meacher, minister for environmental protection, told BBC Radio 4's The World This Weekend that the Government was going to deal with the problem "as quickly as we can". He said: "It is a significant and serious form of contamination which, in our view, should have been dealt with much earlier". John Large, an independent nuclear engineer, has built up a detabase of military and civilian installations. Speaking on the same programme, Mr Large said: "You have e series of unclear facilities in this country, waste tips, contaminated buildings that were never logged on no caretakers, no regulators."

Man rescues girls from freak wave

A holidaymaker who rescued two teenage girls after they were swept into the sea by a freak wave at a holiday beach was being

swept into the sea by a freak wave at a nonday beach was being hailed as a hero yesterday.

Paul Date, 32, from Hounslow, west London, plunged into the waves at West Bay, Dorset, to pull the two teenagers to safety after they were sucked out by the undertow. "But for him we could have heen looking at fetalities," said acting Sergeant David Hughes of the Dorset police. The 17-year-olds, Rebecca Brown and Donna Bracey, from Bristol, were airlifted to Weymouth and District Hospital suffering from water inhalation and slight bypothermia. Hospital suffering from water inhalation and slight hypothermia. Donna's 11-year-old sister Carly, who also went into the water, was taken to the same hospital by ambulance suffering from slight hypothermia and shock. A Weymouth hospital spokesman said that the girls were discharged later and were "all fine".

Bravery award for nursery nurse



A nursery nurse who was stabbed as she shielded children from a machetewielding attacker will be honoured by her union this

Lisa Potts, 21, suffered deep wounds to her back, chest and hands when Horrett Campbell, paranoid schizophrenic, launched the attack during a teddy bears' picnic at St Luke's school in Wolverhampton last year. Miss Potts will be

presented with a certificate of merit for outstanding bravery during Unison's annual conference

Stolen medals found after 14 years

A medal won by e private in the Boer War has been returned to his granddaughter, 14 years after it was stolen from her home.

The South Africa Campaign Medal (1899-1902) was recovered by Operation Bumblebee officers in a £100,000 raid on pawnshop in Lewisham, south-east London. Now Private Samuel Tippett's medal has been given back to his granddaughter, Julie Barnshaw, 57, who owns a pub in Islington, north London.

Also returned were her grandfather's gold-coloured Christmas 1914 tohacco tin, a letter of condolence from George V on his death in the First World War, and a Territorial Campaign medal for Efficient Service given to her father James. Mrs Barnshaw said the medals and memorabilia were among items stolen by burglars from her home in Catford, south-east London, in 1983. "This really hrings back how brave they were," she said.

Pensioner blows up flats

Peggy Seaton, a pensioner, teamed up with the environment minister Hilary Armstrong yesterday to change a city's skyline flats above a hillside in Sheffield in controlled explosions.

The hlast, using 120kgs of explosives which converted the tower blocks into 24,000 tonnes of rubble, came at exactly the same time as the Yorkshire-based contractor Controlled Demolition had arranged to hlow down a 10-storey office block 4,000 miles away in Rockville, Montgomery, near Washington DC in the United States.

Charles Moran, managing director of the company, said: "This is the first time we've hlown down huildings simultaneously on both sides of the Atlantic." Mrs Seaton, 74, was chosen to help Ms Armstrong set off the Sheffield hlast hecause she has lived so long - 32 years - on the Norfolk Park estate where the flats stood. Thousands of people turned out to watch the explosion.

007 director aspires to new heights

Roger Spottiswoode, the English director of the latest 007 film, Tomorrow Never Dies, is preparing to make a £13m film about the hattle to build Salisbury Cathedral's immense spire.

The film, based on William Golding's Sixties novel, The Spire, will tell the story of the cathedral's 14th-century dean who is obsessed with huilding a spire for the greater glory of God. Sir Anthony Hopkins was originally cast as the Dean, but became unavailable and Spottiswoode is looking for another British actor to replace him. The as yet untitled movie, to be set in 1325, will be part-funded by £1m of National Lottery money.

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Pilgrimage: Mary Robinson, the Irish president, at Iona Abbey yesterday to mark the 1,400th anniversary of the death of St Columba. The Irish saint founded the abbey in the 6th century and sent missionaries out to preach the gospel; Ahern set for power, page 7 (Photograph: Reuters)

My regrets, by magistrate who jailed 12-year-old girl

to send e 12-year-old girl to an adult prison was condemned as "barbaric" expressed regret yesterday, but claimed he had no other choice.

Civil liberties campaigners on the Isle of Man have promised to take the case of the girl, who had not been convicted of any offence and auffers from spina hifida. to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the

Mr Hartley said the girl, who lived in e children's home, was considered a danger to herself and others. He said: "I told her that she could be granted bail if she continued to live at the children's home and did not go out unaccompanied. The girl refused to accept these conditions and so I was left with no alternative.

"I have three children and many grandchildren - Including a grandson the same age as the girl - and I did not take the decision to send her to the juvenile unit light-

The girl is being kept in a cell at special annexe of the prison inside the perimeter wall of Victoria Road Prison

associate with offenders aged up to 16. A 15-year-old youth is at the same jail where he is thought to be serving a six-month sentence for assault and theft. A 14-year-old boy awaiting trial was released e few days ago when his parents agreed to take care

A Manx advocate, Terence McDonald, has called for the island's government to carry out urgent reforms, "It is barbaric to lock up children in jail and place them in cells," he said.

Mr Hartley, a member of the prison board, said: "It is a modem unit, with specially trained staff and I believe the girl will receive the care she needs."

The girl, who is not being named, first appeared be-

fore Mr Hartley on Tuesday charged with assault and criminal damage. He said: "The police requested a remand in custody and it was considered the girl was in moral danger as she tended to go missing for lengthy periods and the staff at the children's home could not control her." Kim Sengupta

One million turn out for Pope's Krakow return

Pope John Paul II, finally home in "my beloved city," slept in his old house, visited his old school and rejoiced in the cheers of more than one million of his countrymen erday in the biggest turnout of

his 11-day Polish pilgrimage. The crowd began arriving ahortly after dawn for the major Mass of his Krakow stay, nearly filling the

city's vast Blonle meadow. The Pope proclaimed Poland'e 14th century queen, Hedwig, a saint, holding up her generosity and defence of the common good as examples for today's political leaders. His message was part of his efforts to keep Poles from los-Ing their identity and values in the

transition from a communist to a free-market economy.

While many Poles have expressed fear that this could be the last visit for John Paul, now 77 and slowed by infirmity, church officials suggested he may return next year, when he has been invit-ed for the 1,000th anniversary of Gdansk on the Baltic coast. Although he walked slowly and

his voice was weak, the Pontiff managed to hold up his staff to acknowledge chants of "Long live The former Karol Wojtyla spent

most of his life as student, priest and archbishop before hia election to the papacy. He epent the night in the 17th century archbishop'a residence where he lived for 14 years. He also visited Jagiellonian University, where he studied theology in secret after it was closed by

| Michael Hickey on theft charge

Michael Hickey, one of the Bridgewater Four, was last night back in custody after being charged with theft and carrying an offensive

Mr Hickey, 36, was arrested in Birmingham city centre on Saturday, said West Midlanda police. He was taken to Steelhouse

Lane police station and interviewed by detectives before being charged with theft and possessing

an offensive weapon.

The charge is thought to be in connection with the alleged theft of a tray of gold rings from the city's Supergold store.
He is being held in custody and

is due to appear before megistrates in Birmingham today.

Mr Hickey was one of four men jailed in 1979 for the murder of the paperboy Carl Bridgewater at Yew Tree Farm, Stourbridge.

He was ordered to be detained indefinitely while his cousin Vincent Hickey and James Robinson were given life. Pat Molloy was convicted of manslaughter.

The men, who always protested their innocence, became known as the Bridgewater Four during their campaign to have the convictions

After a long campaign, they were freed in February when the prosecution accepted that fresh evidence left the case ageinst them fundamentally flawed.

ENVIRONMENT

Green tax prompts sharp increase in fly-tipping

A green tax designed to reduce waste dumping has caused an increase in fly-tipping, according to a survey published today.

Three-quarters of local authorities have reported an increase in the illegal practice since the introduction of the landfill tax last.

The disposal of waste at landfill sites was taxed at up to £7 per tonne under the measures and was intended to encourage less rubbish being produced. It was also aimed at encouraging recycling and has raised £111m in its first three months.

But in the commercial sector, only one third of waste producers were reducing the amount of taxable waste they produced. Roger Wood, of Coopers & Lybrand, who carried out the survey, said: "In this double Budget year, the Chancellor has a golden opportunity to make landfill tax a more effective eco-tax than it appears to be at present, with or without raising the rates."

WILDLIFE

'Ratty' at home in the urban jungle

The water vole, once a familiar sight on rural riverbanks and streams, has become e survivor in the urban jungle.

The creature, famed as Ratty in Wind in the Willows, has found

that living in polluted city waterways gives it an escape route from one of its worst enemies, the American mink. Scientists working with the Environment Agency and The Wildlife Trusts' Water Volewatch

have found that water voles heve disappeared from more than two thirds of sites where they once bred. This is due largely to habitat

loss, change in land use, predation by mink and

finctnations in water levels. They have almost vanished from major rivers and now live in headstreams, canals, urban watercourses, drainage dykes, city lakes and even garden ponds.

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English children falter in maths

Standards in primary schools will come under the spotlight again this week, with another report showing English children slipping down the international league table.

Nine-year-olds will be shown to be struggling with basic maths, lagging substantially behind children from countries in the Pacific Rim and eastern Europe. The report came as the Government prepares this week to

launch a drive to promote more teaching of the three Rs in primary schools. Ministers have proposed that schools should spend an hour a day on reading and writing. They are also likely to demand more time for arithmetic in the

wake of the latest study of half a million nine-year-olds in 26 countries. Due out on Tuesday, it is expected to show roughly the same results as last year's worldwide survey of 13-year-olds.

The Third International Maths and Science Stud found that English 13-year-olds got an average of only 53 per cent of maths questions correct.

INDUSTRY

Women behind in computer skills

Only 5 per cent of professional information technology personnel and just one in five computer studies students are women,

according to research published today.

There are also indications that the number of female students in computer-related courses is declining in some higher education institutions, IT recruitment consultants DP Connect and Computing magazine found.

Schoolgirls are encouraged to view familiarity with information

technology es a means of securing an office job, but not as e career in itself. The study says: "Women IT professionals tended to have entered the industry by accident." Meanwhile, the Wainwright Trust, a charitably funded research group into equal opportunities, found that the promotion and recruitment of women in the private sector had been odversely affected by the tendency to devolve decision-making to line managers.

PETS

Insurance is best policy for dogs

Pet owners are more likely to insure their dogs than their cats: Canines account for 60 per cent of all pet insurance policies, research by Datamonitor has found, compared with 15 per cent for felines. Horses and ponies fall in the middle, with a quarter of -policies aimed at protecting them. Although Britain is meant to be a nation of animal lovers, the

figures show that fewer than one in 10 pets have insurance policies: with a total of 168,072 cats, dogs and horses covered.

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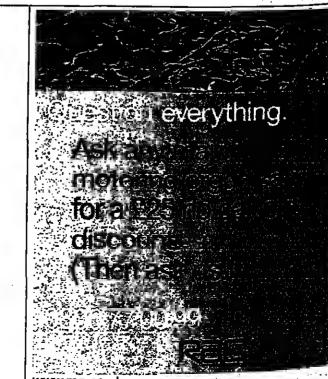
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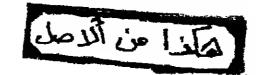
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Fathers may think they are doing their offspring a favour hy sparing them the emharrassment of talking about sex hut, according to new research, they should think again.

A Harris survey on teenagers and promiscuity identifies fathers as the worst offenders in the approachability stakes. Britain's teenagers want to talk more openly about their sexual worries, but three in four feel unable to embark on such a conversation with their fathers.

Parents seem to be suffering in silence, too. While three in four parents say they worry about their teenagers having under-age sex, the same number never talk to their children about important sexual issues.

Even those who talk to their children about sex steer elear of fundamental issues, the survey reveals. Four in 10 parents who say they talk about sex have not mentioned contraception. and three in 10 have never spoken about AIDS. Eight in 10 have never discussed masturhation and the same number have never made any reference to oral sex.

The majority of parents in Britain are leaving their kids' sex education to chance and letting them drift into early promiscusuys Steve Chalke, founder of the Oasis Trust which commissioned the survey, resident lamily specialist on GMTV, and author of the forthcoming book How to Succeed as a Parent.

"Most of the 8,000 under-16s who become pregnant every year in the UK never even wanted to have sex, let alone a haby. he adds. Rather, they had sex, he says, because they "didn't know how to say 'no'. It is a scandal that so many of Britain's parents are exposing their kids to this danger and not even bothering to discuss con-traception with them."

Dos and don'ts

of parenting

Ten things you SHOULD

you'd never been born!"
3) "If only you were more

5) "Look at everything I've given up for you!"

6) "Act your age!"
7) "Don't be silly, there's

nothing to be frightened

8) "Wait until your father

9) "You have no idea what

Ten things you SHOULD

1) "I'm so proud of you, well done!"

2) "You're so thoughitul ..."

3) You're clever to have

you're talking about!" 10) "You always/never ..."

say to your child:

worked that out!"

5) "What do you think

and that's what counts.

8) "It's OK to make

9) "I'm sorry. Will you

4) "I love you."

about ...? 6) It's OK to cry. 7) You tried your best,

ets home!".

NOT say to your child:

1) "You're so stupid!" 2) "Sometimes, I wish

like your brother!" 4) "You could do so well,

Time, says Mr Chalke in the run-up to Father's Day, is the greatest gift" a father can give

Citing the experts' view that the average father spends three minutes-a-day in "quality" con-versation with his children, Mr Chalke emphasises that he means "quantity time". "Time to talk. Time to listen.

Time to show you care," he says. "If you want to diffuse the teenage time-bomb you have to start talking to them when they're toddlers ... The deep issues and important questions the things that maner most to children - trickle out because a parent is there."

Four out of five teenagers feel unable to talk to their fathers about important issues, sexual or otherwise. They single out Gazza, Grant Mitchell of the soap opera, Eastenders, and Prince Charles as Britain's worst fathers. Why? Because they do not spend enough time with their children. Chris Evans, David Wickes,

from Eastenders, and Terry Duckworth, from Coronation Street, also fared badly. The average child spends

three hours a day watching television. Mr Chalke combines this fact with the apparent lack of communciation between parents and children and draws the obvious cooclusion.

"Instead of being influenced by their parents, they're taking their lead from friends, TV and magazines. So the question isn't: 'Are your kids being hrainwashed?' It's: 'What are your kids' hrains being brainwashed with? If parents don't discuss sex properly they're risking their

Across the generations: John Clark, 49, talking to his teenage daughter Martha - but not about sex can't they sit down and chal middle-class parents are least about it?" asks Mr Chalke.

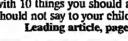
The amount fathers worry eventuality. about this issue varies regionally. Sixty-one per cent of fathers Working-class parents are

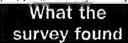
worried (48 per cent) about this In his book, Mr Chalke, him-

self a father-of-four, offers 10 "survival tips" on how to "thrive on" as opposed to "survive" par enting, starting with "be Realistic - There's no such thing as a perfect parent" and finishing with 10 things you should and

should not say to your child.

Leading article, page 14





Main points of survey: Three out of four parents have been worried about their teenagers having under-age sex.

 One in two teenagers: have sex before 16. ■ Three in four parents. never talk to their children

Three in four teenagers cannot talk to their fathers about important sexual

cannot talk to their fathers about important Issues (regardless of whether or not they are sexual). Eight in 10 parents

Four in 10 parents haven't discussed contraception. ■ Three in ten parents



about important sexual issues. Four in five teenagers

haven't discussed masturbation.

■ Eight in 10 parents haven't discussed oral

haven't discussed Aids.

forgive me?" 10) "I said NO!" Ecstasy fear as two die at raves

Michael Streeter

Police are investigating the deaths at the weekend of two young people who may have taken the drug ecstasy. Early yesterday, a 17-year-old

boy died just five hours after collapsing at a rave party in Skeg-ness, Lincolnshire. John Wainwright died in hospital after lapsing into a "semi-conscious state", according to police. Inspector Graham Marsh. of the Lincolnshire force, said

pect from our inquiries so far that this is the result of taking an illegal substance. Although the post-mortem examination has not heen conducted, from inquiries we have carried out so far, we believe that substance may be ecstasy."

tified their son's body, said:

initial inquiries suggested the

teenager from Grimsby had

taken an ecstasy tablet. "We sus-

Det Insp Martin Bontoft, who accompanied John's parents when they formally iden-

"There seems to be little doubt he has taken drugs. The parents are grief-stricken. I don't think the shock has sunk in yet, but what can you say?

He added: "The nature of the death is a classic reaction of the body to ecstasy and I would he surprised if it turned out to be anything else."

A spokesman for the Active Corporation, which organised the event at the Fantasy Island complex in Ingoldmells, near Skegness, said:"There is very

little to say at this time and we will not be issuing a statement until Iomorrow." The rave is believed to have been attended by 300 partygoers.

In a separate incident, a man - helieved to be aged hetween 20 and 22 years old - was taken to hospital from an all-night rave event in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, hut attempts to revive him failed and he was certified dead at 11.25pm on Saturday. The coroner has

'Children are better off being children'

John Clark and his teenage daughter, Martha, have a close relationship, hut not so close that they talk about

sex. Neither party would wish it any other way, writes Clare Garner.
"I think it's about respecting boundaries," said Mr Clark. 49, a university lecturer who lives in north I onder. "I don't think I should be London. "I don't think I should be obliged to talk to Martha about sex. I doo't think it's necessarily appropriate." He recently overheard two school girls discussing flavoured condoms and oral sex. 'Well,' he mused, 'I'm not going to start talking to Martha about flavoured condoms, quite honesty.' quite honestly'.

Martha, 16, has never felt the need to talk to her parents about sex. School, she said, has provided her with all the sex education she needs. "I think our school is particularly good on that because it's a girls' school," she said. "We've got a lot of female teachers who want us to know about it."

At 12, she was taught how to put condoms on carrots and every year since, the lessons have become "more serious", focusing in particular on HIV and Aids. Martha said she would tell her parents if she wanted to go on the Pill. "But I wouldn't need their support that much," she hastened to add.

Mr Clark outlined his approach to parenting. "Our family line is that children are better off being children than growing up, which means you don't necessarily talk to them about sex all the time," he said. "That's a good excuse, isn't it!"

He is more coocerned with establishing a "good quality relationship" with Martha so that if she needs to talk she can, than spelling out the mechanics of sex. The idea of having a set of rules

that between the age of 12 and 14 you discuss the various positions of sexual intercourse and alternative forms of contraceptive is ridiculous," he said. He remembered how awkward he felt when he was called upon to explain certain scenes in films and soap operas: "What I had to do is not flee the room - which I was definitely tempted to do."

Even Shakespeare has proved problematic. "We went to A Midsummer Night's Dream," he said. "It's very explicit what's happening, that this donkey is having sex with a fairy. What are you going to say

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Clarke in Tory survey

against Tony Blair, offered the right no concessions yesterday

his pro-European views.

The ex-Chancellor, who last

week called for delay of the

single currency, on BBC Tele-vision's On the Record pro-

gramme refused to commit

the single currency beyond the lifetime of this Parliament.

All the camps vesterday were

ying to talk-up their support.

Mr Clarke won the backing

Mr Lilley and Mr Howard were

believed to be neck-and-neck

of the former cahinet minister,

John MacGregor, while the

Hague camp won the endorse-ment of Charles Lewington,

former head of communica-

tions at the Conservative Cen-

tral Office during the election.

over the election debacle, by

writing in the Sunday Telegraph

that John Major had admitted two weeks before the election

that the Conservatives could not

win and that frustration over the

stroyed Mr Major's pre-election

rally in Bath by urging him to quit early if the Tories lost the

election, Mr Major told Mr

Lewington: "I am sorry you have to deal with these people."

After a pause, Mr Major added, "Sometimes I don't know why

betting on the ex-Chancellor getting 58-62 votes in the first

hallot; Mr Hague 33-37; Mr Howard 25-29; Mr Lilley 21-25; and Mr Redwood 17-20.

I bother.

at those closest to him". After Edwina Currie de-

Mr Lewington became the

for third place.

himself to a referendum on

Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

Kenneth Clarke is expected to win a ballot of constituency party chairmen today on the eve of the election among 164 Tory MPs for the Conservative Par-

ty leadership. The results of the ballot to be announced tomorrow will give Mr Clarke's bandwagon a huge heave by putting pressure on Tory MPs to back the former Chancellor in the secrecy of the first ballot.

William Hague is expected to come second in the ballot of Tory constituency chairmen, who will cast their votes by telephone using secret pin numbers.

The results, to be announced immediately hefore MPs vote. could increase the demands for a re-run of the election, if the MPs ignore the views of the first "insider" to hreak cover constituencies and elect one of the outright Euro-sceptic right-wing candidates, Michael Howard, Peter Lilley or John Redwood.

The right-wing camps will meet after MPs vote tomorrow morning to thrash out a deal to stop Mr Clarke or Mr Hague, amid continuing speculation that Baroness Thatcher would prefer a more Euro-sceptic

Mr Lilley called on the third and fourth candidates to drop out of the race for the second ballot, to avoid the right-wing vote being split. But in a move which could help Mr Clarke, Mr Redwood, the most outspoken opponent of European monetary union, said he intended to "go on" until he won the argument for ruling out the single

Mr Clarke who is trying to convince the Euro-sceptics to vote for him, as a "big hitter"

Boost for Deputy prime minister has a whale of a time



Cook raises doubts on timetable for the euro

Robin Cook yesterday opposed moves by the newly elected French government to ease the economic criteria for countries to join a "softer" single Euro-

pean currency.

The Foreign Secretary made it clear that he believed the elecnion victory for the socialists under Lionel Jospin and the aborted attempt by the Ger-mans to revalue their gold re-serves had raised doubts about the single currency starting on time in 1999.

Mr Cook is one of the leading sceptics in the Cahinet about the single currency, but there appears to be no difference of view within the Gov-ernment "big four" - Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, John Prescott and Mr Cook.

In spite of the warmth of the meeting between Mr Blair and Mr Jospin in Malmo last Friday. Britain is wary about the French plans for softening the entry cri-teria for the single currency.

Asked if he welcomed the French idea of a "softer euro", Mr Cook said: "No, not if that meant you were making it easier for people who had fudged the criteria to get in under the

He added: "The debate at the moment seems to be in danger of polarising between a softer Euro, which would not be workable, and a harder Euro which would not be popular.

"If the European single cur-rency is to proceed on time it

is very important that it proceeds on time both with credihle criteria which will make sure it is a credible strong currency and secondly with popular back-

Mr Cook was also dismissive of some of the five points by Mr lospin at the social democrats' gathering in Malmo.

Mr Jospin said Italy and Spain should be included in the first wave. But Mr Cook said: "I don't think you should name

gle currency if they meet the criteria ... That is the issue to be addressed, not the name of the

He said there was now broad agreement in Europe that the approach to a single currency had to be underpinned by an economic strategy for growth and jobs.

That was why Mr Brown, the Chancellor, would be putting his proposals today for jobs to the meeting of European finance It was "unlikely" Britain would join the first wave in 1999, said Mr Gook; but he stressed that jobs would be the key

law and order
The felevised monthly appearances in front of voters will be held on Fridays and will be based around a particular theme. Downing Street said. Sir Archie Hamilton, chairman of the Tory backbench 1922 Cognititae claimed Mr Blair was trying to avoid Parliament after changing Prime Minister's questions from two 15-minute sessions each week to one lasting 30 minutes.

yardstick for Britain's decision on whether to enter the currency, if and when it started, "We will carry out a hardheaded assessment towards the end of this year as to whether joining would be in the economic interests of Britain;

would it increase or risk jobs. "At the moment, we think it unlikely that that assessment would put to us joining," he said on BBC Television's Breakfast

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MoD to review possibility of ban on foxhunting

Colin Brown

Foxhunting could be banned on more than 500,000 acres of Ministry of Defence land following a review announced yesterday by ministers.

One of the first victims of a ban on foxhunting nn MoD land could be the Royal Artillery's own foxhunting pack at the Bul-ford Camp on Salisbury Plain.

The MoD review, coupled

with a review of foxhunting on Forestry Commission land, would hit more than 60 foxhunting packs, including one in the New Forest that hunts deer, and foxhunting packs in the Ouantocks. The move could be pre-empted this week by Michael Foster, a new Labour MP, who

a private members' Bill banning hunting with hounds for all wild animals. Mr Foster, who is anti-foxhunting, came top in the ballot of MPs for the right to introduce legislation, and will announce his decision this week after consulting his constituents in

Worcester. A spokesman for the

is under pressure to introduce

others will be seriously inconvenienced. But what we really need is legislation to protect wildlife from unnecessary suffering, by banning all hunts whether for deer, foxes, hares or mink. They would then have to go hunting by putting down a false trail, which would preserve the social side of their activity."

League Against Cruel Sports said: "It is looking very good.
"Some hunts will be chopped: sisted that the practical difficulties of imposing a ban would make it an unattractive proposal for both the MoD and the

Commission. Landowners have written to the MoD threatening to withdraw permission for exercises to encroach on their land, and could put up to a quarter of a he social side of their activity." million acres presently used for training out of bounds to the

Janet George, of the British Field Sports Society.
She said: "There is not much

benefit and a hell of a lot of hassle for the Government in trying to get at hunting through the back door, which is what this is. They don't relish the prospect of pushing a total ban through Parliament, but they

want to have something to offer the anti-hunting lobby."

An MoD spokeswoman said: "It is our intention to carry out a thorough review of the effectiveness of hunting with hounds to control fox numbers on MoD land." No timetable has yet been set for the review, which will consider alternative methods of controlling fox numbers, such as shooting, but it is expected to start soon, and be

completed "within months." rather than years", she added. The MoD owns about 600,000 acres, while the Forestry Commission controls 2.8 million. Among hunts which would probably be forced to close by a ban are the Borders Hunt, the New Forest Fox Hunt and the New Forest Buckhounds

MPs who take bribes face seven years in jail under new law

Lobbyists who offer "cash for retary, said: "It would cut both questions" to politicians will be caught by new laws to be announced today by Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, to clean up Parliament after the scandals of Tory MPs alleged to be guilty of

sleaze, writes Colin Brown. MPs found guilty of taking hribes or illegal gifts would face seven years' imprisonment under the anti-sleaze Bill to he introduced by Mr Straw, overriding the failed system of selfregulation by the Palace of Weslminster.

The anti-corruption legisla-tion would cover those found guilty of offering bribes to MPs, in addition in the judiciary and local councillors, as part of the pledge by Tony Blair to raise standards in public life.

Robin Cook, the Foreign Sec-

"It is a common sense step forward to improving the state of the law. People are going to be slightly surprised to discov-

ways. It's not just the MPs - it's those who offer the bribes that

would be caught by this proposal.

er that although there are clear laws against bribery, members of Parliament are not among the categories if you attempt to bribe them.

The legislation will not act retrospectively and therefore the MPs criticised by Sir Gordon Downey, who is investigating cash-for-questions allegations, will not be caught in the nct.

Mr Cook said on BBC television's Breakfust with Frost there was an unsatisfactory po-

sanction by Parliament against Neil Hamilton, the former Tory MP for Tatton, because he had lost his seat.

Mr Hamilton strongly denies the allegations and has complained that he has been prevented from clearing his name. However, Mr Cook said that in future, general elections would not stop former MPs facing charges. "If a criminal offence had taken place then the charge would be pursued within the usual timehar but not dropped because there had been an

election. The Nolan Committee, set up to investigate standards in public life, welcomed the Government initiative. The committee has backed Mr Straw splan and is in recommend a new of fence of misconduct in cubic. sition in which there was no fence of misconduct in public prosecution.

in a few weeks' time. Because of pressure on par-liamentary time, the legislation Saxo Mis

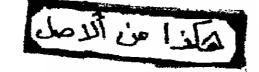
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tion will not be introduced until late next year.
The Nolan Committee was set up by John Major's government to examine standards in public life following the cas

for-questions scandal. A spokesman for the con mittee said: "The Notan Com mittee welcomes moves by the Government to take foresto the work of the Law Comme sion and the Nolan Commit and the Home Office in tacking

corruption." The Bill will close a loophole



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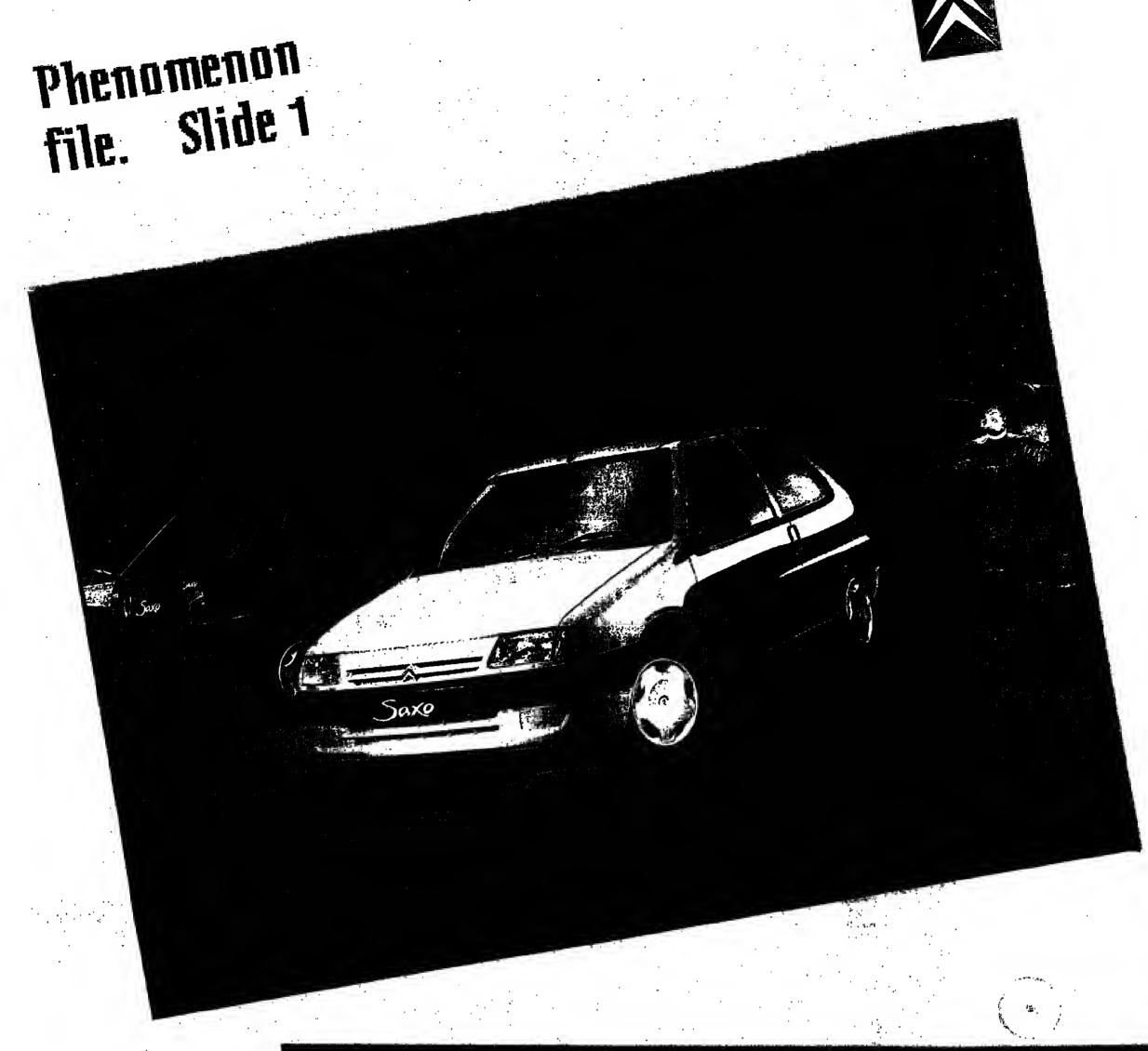
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An historic glimpse inside the Tsar's family album

Heritage Correspondent

An album of photographs of Tsar Nicholas II and his family taken six years before they were murdered by the Bolsheviks will go on sale in London later this week.

Bolsheviks will go on sale in London later this week. Entitled Scenes of Belovejhsk, the album contains 20 photographs taken during the annual visit to the imperial hunting lodge, in Poland, in 1912. Vakued at £3,000 to £5,000, it is the highlight of a collection of items, illustrating the domestic life and wealth of the myal family, included in Sotheby's Russian Sale.

The photographs include one of Nichnias II leaving church with the Tsarina Alexandra, and their daughters, Olga, Tatiana, Maria and Anastasia, all of whom, with the possible exception of Anastasia, were jutchered at Ekaterinberg. Alexei, the Tsarevich, is not included in any of the photographs. A haemophiliac, he became

Ekaterinberg. Alexei, the Isarevich, is not included in any of the photographs. A haemophiliac, the became very ill during the stay at Belovejhsk after a boating accident, and the Isarina believed it was only the prayers of the "mad monk" Rasputin that saved him. The coronatinn of Isar Alexander II in 1856 is featured in a magnificent alhum of coloured lithographs and engravings, estimated at £14,000 – £18,000. The sale also includes a 1913 inventory of royal palaces which

also includes a 1913 inventory of royal palaces which notes that the parquet floor of the Chinese Room at the Tsariskoe Selo palace was "so highly polished it was impossible to run on it", and how, when Grand Duchess Maria Alexandrovna, the Tsar's aunt, entered the room in summer, she would he handed a cut cucumber with which to wipe her face and refresh herself.



Britain's amateurs lose out to glamour sports

lan Burreli

Tony Banks, the sports minister, is facing a rehelling from Britain's amateur sports who say they are in dire financial straits because public funding is being diverted in the more televisual "glamnur" sports.

They said Britain's chances of winning future Olympic medals riously undermined by a new ethns which discriminated against sports played for enjoyment not money.

Cuts in funding and bureaucratic demands nn sports with little administrative back-up have led to the laying-off of national coaches and the loss of vital training and facilities for British competitors.

pentathlon gold medallist, said: The powers that be are only in-terested in the Murdoch-televised sports. You have to ask whether there is a deliberate policy to let the minor sports go

Kevin Hickey, technical di-rector of the British Olympic Association, said it was an "enormous problem" and cited more than a dozen Olympic sports that were undergning significant funding problems. They include weightlifting,

wrestling, volleyball, handball, basketball, modern pentathlon, triathlon, judo, bobsleigh, curling and speed-skating. Many amateur sports gov-

eraing bodies are concerned

that Britain's "sport for all" tra-

search for new sporting super-

Mr Fox chairman of the Modern Pentathlon Association of Great Britain, said: "We don't all want to watch nr play football. People need a sport that suits their own temperament. If we just leave nurselves with a handful of major sports it will be a majnr disservice to the country."

The Sports Council has designated a dozen élite sports, including football, cricket, rugby, athletics and hockey for priority treatment as part of a new culture of excellence.

But Lord Howell, the former Labour sports minister, warned that it was a foolish policy to ignore the potential of minor sports. "This pollcy of picking

Jim Fox, the former Olympic ditinus are being lost amid the nut élite sports in the belief that ont this mess. With the previ they will win medals is misguided. Medals come from unusual sources, often from the minnr sports.

Gillian Harrison, chief executive of the English Volleyball Association, said the sport's grant had been slashed from £100,000 to £50,000, meaning it could no langer employ Ralph Hippolyte, the national coach of the Great Britain team. The future of the British beach vol-

leyball team is also under threat. Nigel Hnok, technical services director of the Central Chuncil for Physical Recreatinn, the national association for the governing bodies of sport and recreation, said: "It will require a major feat from the new minister of sport to sort

ous administration the focus was sharply on the élite sports. The consequence was that the Cinderella sports have been left in sink or swim.

Because the Sports Council has been split into five separate entities (United Kingdom, England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland), many amateur sports are unable to cope with the bureaucracy involved in making applications for funding.

The Department of Nation al Heritage said that Mr Banks was looking for opportunities to streamline the system hut defended the amount of hureaucracy on the grounds that the £11mm grant aid for sports governing bodies was public mnney and must be accounted for. which represents aviation

Battle of logos as unions attempt to outfly BA

Barrie Clement

British Airways will be embroil-ed in a highly emharrassing "hattle of the logos" this week when it replaces its "world's favourite airline" singan.

As BA launches a new aircraft livery - partly designed by David Hockney - and reveals its new catchphrase "serving the world community", union leaders will disclose their own motto: "serving world lahour - building global solidarity".
The public relations battle

centres on the threat of indus-trial action by 18,000 cabin crew and ground staff mainly at Heathrow and Gatwick which is seen as a critical dispute for the future of industry worldwide.

The Transport and General Workers' Union has recruited the help of the International Transport Workers' Federation.



Battle of the logos: The ITF's new slogan

unions in 120 countries, and is determined to detract from the "Coca Cola image" they claim BA is trying to promote. Stuart Howard, Secretary of

the Civil Aviation section of the ITF, said it was ironic that the company was promoting the idea of service to the world community when it was not concerned with the community which worked for the airline. More than 9,000 cabin crew. follow suit.

are being balloted on a new pay and productivity package which union leaders believe will mean members working longer hours for less money. Voting forms are also going nut tomorrow toa similar number of ground staff nver a plan to sell off the catering department at Heathrow. The results of the ballots are due at the end of this month. At the heart of union con-

cerns is a fear that the compa-. ny's insistence nn saving £1bn a year by 2000 is part of a strategy to create a "virtual airline". Genrge Ryde, airline official for the TGWU, said: "We believe BA is trying to become less

of an airline operator than a company which makes travel arrangements."
The ITF believes that if BA succeeds in pushing through plans to contract nut its services, then other major airlines will

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Army engineers yesterday successfully recovered the last of four prototypes of the bouncing bombs used in the Dam Busters raid.

The army team, including bomh disposal experts and Territonal Army soldiers, retrieved the four-ton bomb from the sea off the Kent

coast where it was dropped 50 years ago. The bomb was rolled on to the shore at Reculver, then attached by steel cables to a hulldozer before being winched further up the beach to be loaded on to a lony. Attempts to haul the bomb in on Saturday night were defeated by the incoming tide.

Captain Alan Conroy. Army liaison officer, said: "In the end we rolled it in by hand. Ten men at a time took it in turns to push the device and the Royal Engineers have beaten the tide. King Canute couldn't do it but we did.
The bomb is in extremely good coordition.

Some of the original paintwork is still visible and there is very little rust."

The bomb was the biggest of the four recovered and the fun hest from the shore. Invented by Barnes Wallis, the bouncing bombs were used to destroy dams in Germany's

industrial heartland, the Ruhr Valley, in 1943. The attack was celebrated in the 1954 film, The Dam Busters, starring Michael Redgrave and Richard Todd. Reculver was chosen for testing the bombs

because the twin towers of an old fort on the coastline were similar to the towers of the Ruhr dams which the pilots used to line

themselves up on their bombing run.

The devices recovered also include a 1,800lb High Ball bomb, and two 1,200th versions of the Upkeep bomb developed to target battleships. Heralded as an important part of military history, the bombs will be cleaned up Photograph: Paul Hackett/Reuters before being put on display.

Bruton deposed as Ahern takes reins of power

as unions

Confidence

Ireland's centre left Government last night conceded defeat to Bertie Ahern's Franna Fail party and its Progressive Democrat allies, who will depend for a slender Dail majority on a handful of Independents.

The two-day counting of results left Mr Ahern with sufficient support to be elected Taoiseach when the Dail resumes on 26 June. He now faces two weeks of hard bargaining with Independents to guarantee

their votes. Last night, Fianna Fail (FF) had 76 seats. Fine Gael 53. Labour 17, Progressive De-mocrats 4, Democratic Left 4, Greens 2, Sinn Fein 1, and Independents 7. The final seat, in Limerick West, was expected to be won by Fine Gael.

Mr Ahern avoided the worstcase scenario of having to rely for support on Caoimhghin O'Caolain, elected as Sinn Fem's first Dail TD (MP) since IRA hunger strikers won in 1981 and before that four abstentionist candidates in 1957.

Such a reliance would have poisoned his government's dealings with Unionists. It would also have been difficult for Mr Ahern's new-right partners, the Progressive Democrats, to tolerate. After dropping their Dail abstentionist policy in 1986. Sinn Fein's new TD for Cavan-Monaghan will take up his seat, unlike Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness at Westminster.

Mr Ahern, 45, a former hospital accountant and union organiser, has led Fianna Fail since Albert Reynolds resigned in 1994. He said he may make contact this week with Sinn

press for an early end to IRA violence. But he reiterated his position that once in power he would not meet Sinn Fein until a ceasefire was in place. The Fianna Fail leader said

prospects for progress in Northem Ireland were "tremendous", adding "but when you go round the mulberry hush you come back to the position that it's very hard to get anywhere as long as there is violence".

"They [Sinu Fein] have stated in [recent] elections that their's is a peace strategy. I think they have to prove that now."
If republicans "proved their

Loyalists invade Catholic church The dangerous state of com-

munity relations in Northern Ireland was illustrated yet again at the weekend when a loyalist mob stormed a Catholic church and at tempted to set the toolic writes David McKarick

Some 27 RUC officers were injured in disturbances which centred around a loyalist band parade in Ballymena. Co Antrim. Police fired plastic bullets to disperse crowds and made

several arrests.

Nearby, vandals attacked the grave of Gregory Taylor, the RUC officer who was last weekend kicked to death by loyalists in a neighbouring town. Wreaths were scattered around the cemetery and gloating graffiti has ap-

The incidents indicate that sectarian temperatures are high as a tense marching season approaches.

part" he said he would do "everything I humanly can" to move the process forward.

Outgoing ministers predicted a short life for the new coalition. Dependent in Dail votes on Independents in Donegal and Kerry South with strong republican views, this could create internal strains over

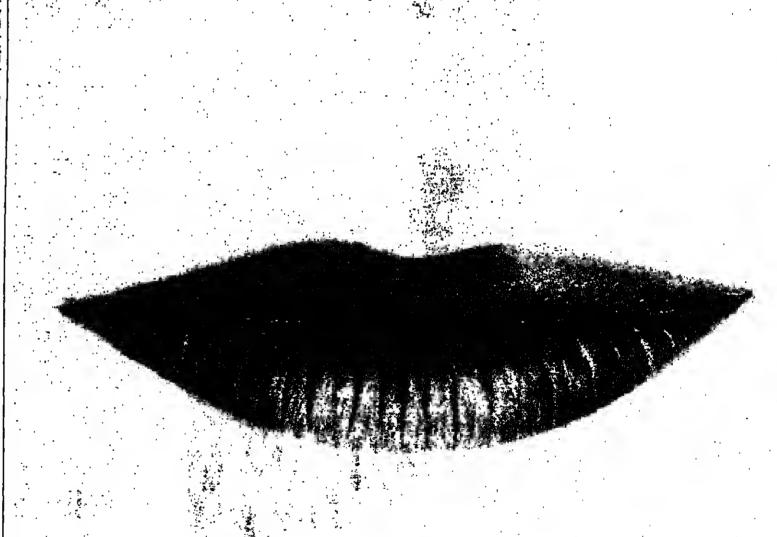
Labour leader Dick Spring who said he would remain at the helm unless his party said otherwise, warned: "It seems hard to see a stable government emerging. There is going to be difficulty." He predicted Dail turbulence over abortion legislation, Northern Ireland, the payments to politicians inquiry

and media ownership. Ingenious vote control, exploiting the proportional representation system to the full, enabled Fianna Pail to win many more seats than in 1992 on just 39 per cent of first-preference votes, in what was still its secondworst overall vote since 1932.

Though losing power, Mr Bruton emerged with enhanced stature after articulating a more visionary message in the cam-paign. Yesterday, he claimed there bad been a "mind your-self" vote for the FF-PD coalition. Urging social cohesion, he warned that urban decay would not he remedied by tax-cutting "short-termism" under Fianoa Fail and the PDs. "Irish people are not basically interested in di-

visive 'grab-all' politics."

Attacked widely for their allegedly Thatcherite views, the Progressive Democrats fared hadly, losing more than half their TDs. Some observers believe Mr Ahern might have won a majority but for his pact with the PDs.



Police powerless over paedophile's threat

Clare Garner

Parents in Merseyside were stunned at the revelation yesterday that a convicted paedophile who has threatened to reoffend could be returned to their community next week.

The man has told police he is likely to commit a further offence but they cannot act until he does so. The case has renewed calls for the introduction in Britain of Megan's Law, adopted by 42 states in America, which compels authorities to notify parents if a paedophile moves into their locality.

Parents shopping in Huyton, the Liverpool district where the man lived in a hostel prior to his recent detention, demanded that his identity be

said: "We should be able to see a picture of him and be told where he lives. There are lots of children living around here and they do play out and hang around outside all the time. It is very frightening for parents."
In 1990 the paedophile was

sentenced to nine years jail at Manchester Crown Court for the rape and sexual assault of a 10-year-old girl. He was re- ha Catholic Church, Huyton, leased after six years hut arrested last month for breach of the peace. He is being detained under the Mental Health Aci for 28 days and is due to be re-

Law, so-named after Megan their children," he said.

who has a three-year-old son, and murdered by a convicted paedophile who moved into the New Jersey street where she lived. They fear that identified paedophiles - or those mistaken for them - would be the target of vigilantes. Paedophiles, they say, would be driven underground where police and social workers would be unable to monitor their activities.

Fr Michael Lee, of St Columsaid he would be praying for the protection of all children. "If these people can be helped, then we should try to stop them doing these awful things. But I leased in eight days time.

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Dayaks

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Headhunting returns to the

he jungle makes quick work of flesh, and it is four months since these were human beings. But human they still recognisably are - beneath the encroaching undergrowth, and the artificial fibres of the cheap clothes, are

arms, legs and vertehrae.

Here, jutting out of a pair of stained sborts, is a pelvis, and above it, a nest of curved ribs.
There are five skeletons and
their clothes show that all were their clothes show that all were women. Only one thing is missing: none of the skeletons have skulis. And, according to the rubber tappers who brought us here, there was something else strange about these bodies, before the jungle gnawed their flesh away. Apart from the absence of heads, each had deep wounds through which their

wounds through which their hearts had been removed.

A few minutes of backing through the jungle leads to a pair of skulls beneath a tree, along with traces of baby clothes. Five minutes further on, just off the road leading into the small town of Salatiga, is the settlement where these people might once have lived. The small tin-roofed mosque is untouched, hut around it is a scene of devasta-tion: bouse after bouse – simple wood and plaster hungalows, once the homes of migrant farmers, rubber tappers and gold prospectors - has been re-duced to charred beams, molten glass and corrugated iron.

glass and corrugated from.

The destruction is eerily selective. Further down the road one house stands untouched amid a neighbourhood of ruins. In the centre of Salatiga itself, the town goes peacefully about its business. Customers sbelter from the sun at a little restaurant, and a fruit truck is loaded with ripe durians. On the otber side of the road, facing this picturesque activity, is a burned hlack expanse, where some 30 houses must once have stood.

Such incongruous scenes are repeated all along this road which links Pontianak, the capital of Indonesia's West Kalimantan province, with the inner reaches of Borneo, one of the world's higgest and most impenetrable islands. Even now Salatiga, along with dozens of cycn more obscure settlements. even more obscure settlements, looks like the scene of a recent war. But four months ago, according to local people interviewed last week by The Independent, the situation was even more shocking.

Exclusive -

Richard Lloyd Parry witnesses the ethnic horrors in Kalimantan

Headless, mutilated bodies of men, women and even children lay alongside the road. Skeletons sprawled in the ruins of the smoking houses. Gangs of local Dayak tribesmen, wearing T-shirts and war paint, carrying spears and swords as well as rifles, patrolled the jungle, hunting down the fugitive remnants of the Madurese settlers whose houses they bad torched. Those whom they did catch up with, like the wretched women now lying in the jungle, were shot or stabbed, and then decapitated. Then, according to witnesses, their hearts were pulled from their warm bodies and eaten.

Such accounts, along with these photographs obtained by The Independent from a local amateur photographer, repre-sent the first firm evidence of what until now has been little more than shocking rumour: an ethnic war, of scarcely imaginahle savagery. in Indonesia, one of Asia's most powerful economies and the fourth largest nation in the world. It has claimed bundreds, per-

haps thousands of lives, and made thousands more homeless. For the government in Jakarta, which virtually denies its existence, it is a nightmare in a country of 200 million people and 300 ethnic groups, founded on the motto, "Unity

eirdest of all, it demonstrates the extraordinary survival of tribal traditions which were assumed to have died out generations ago. Apart from its human cost, this is a war terrifying in its atavism, fought according to ancient and merciless traditions of head hunting, cannibalism and witchcraft, just a couple of hours' dri-

tury as the arcbetypal Victori-an "savages". For thousands of years, before the arrival of Dutch and British colonists, they dominated Borneo, a scattered collection of trihes who lived in communal longhouses,

practised a form of animism. and survived by hunting, and by slash and burn agriculture.

More sensational, to the Victorian mind, was the hahit among Dayak men of driving metal pins through their penises Dayak warriors increased their prestige, and brought good luck to their villages, by collecting the heads of rival tribes in ritualised. set-piece raids. The victim's heart, brains, and blood were be-lieved to bestow potency on those who consumed them, and the heads were preserved and

The Dayaks' bloodier traditions were outlawed by the and they're putting things right in the only way they know how." The Dayaks' bloodier tradi-

Christian colonists and, since

the defeat of the Japanese in

1945, they have been full citizens

of the Republic of Indonesia.

Today Dayaks keep their penis

pins hidden beneath jeans and

T-shirts. Most longhouses bave

been replaced by simple homes

of wood and plaster. Every

community has at least one

church, hut despite their su-

perficial modernisation, belief

in spirits remains widespread, and the key moments in the rice cycle are still marked by

Ahove all. Dayaks remain

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itics, local government or husi-ness. Their traditional lands

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have been claimed or forcibly purchased for industrial forestry, rubber and mining projects.

"Day by day, the Dayaks are heing driven away," says Stephanus Djueng, director of the Institute of Dayakology Research and Development in Pontianak. "It's more than 50 years since Indonesia became in-dependent hut the education of Dayaks is very much less than the average because they can't earn decent incomes. They don't have the chance to study, so they can't enter official positions. They have no opportunities,

burnings and for violent inci-dents during last month's election campaign Madurese transmigrants are accused of occupying Dayak land, often as part of official government resettle-

ment programmes, but the differences run deeper than that. The Madurese are proud bearers of curved sickles; Dayak tradition abhors the public flaunting of blades. The Dayaks bunt and rear pigs, the Madurese are strict Muslims. Tension and occasional violence between the two are as old as the first Madurese arrivals in Kalimantan, early this century, but never on

It hegan on 30 December

when a couple of young Dayaks

were stahbed, apparently by Madurese, at a concert in the

town of Sanggauledo, close to

the horder with Malaysian

Sarawak. News of the attack

spread and over the next four

days some 5,000 Dayaks at-

tacked and hurned Madurese

homes. At least 6,000 people

fled to the coastal town of

Singkawang, but the numbers of

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Day. "The Dayaks started com-

dead are unknown.

"They were wailing like Indians in a Western, Whoo-woo-woowoo'. One of them was carrying a head, and another guy came up to me holding something that looked like a piece of wet tongue. He said, This is a heart,' and raised it to his mouth and started eating it in

front of my face."

Officials from Pontianak and leaders of the two communities hastily beat out a peace agree-ment, but on 29 January vio-lence blew up again, when a Dayak school was burned down in a predominantly Madurese area of Pontianak. Two Dayak girls were stabbed and cars travelling through towns north-of Pontianak were storned by of Pontianak were stopped by Madurese and a bandful of Dayak motorists were lynched.

Dayak outrage expressed itself in ritual form, as the "Red Bowl" was passed round from village to village. "The Red Bowl is a symbol of communication, used to call people to war in a time of emergency, says Fr Yeremis, a Dutch priest who bas lived in the village of Menjalin for 16 years.

"The leaders came up with three conditions. Not to burn down any mosques; not to burn down any mosques; not to burn any state-owned buildings; and no looting. They only killed Madurese, not Javanese or Malays. They wanted to em-phasise that their grievance was with the people, not with Islam or the government, and that they were not criminals. that they were not criminals. Apart from that they killed without exception - from chick-ens to old people to babies. No exceptions at all."

Crowds of Dayaks gathered spontaneously with spears, home-made guus, and a traditional machete called a mandau. Tribal generals, called panglima, addressed the war parties who were observed by onlookers to enter a kind of trance. According to traditional belief, this is explained by the presence in their bodies of chaotic war spirits called teriu. The only thing which will appease the teriu is

Andreus, a Catholic priest human blood and heads. Sabdi, a Dayak teacher from name has been changed to pro-Salatiga, described the spectatect his identity), was in the town cle when the war party arrived on the morning of 1 February. of Semelantan on New Year's "I was watching from my bed-room when about 1,000 Dayaks ing into the market square, about 1.000 of them," he says. arrived in town. A lot of the

but about 50 stayed behind to defend their houses. Three of them got shot — Sinem. This Marsuli, and another man. Dayaks cut their heads off saids swords. Then they cut off their backs and pulled out the

hearts and they are the hearts and they are the hearts and drank the blood."

For four days, Dayaks himsed down Madurese hiding in the jungle. One man, a settler tropical says he was spared by the Dayaks, believe days he course of fire days he course of five days he many as 60 heads and decapitated bodies.

Stephanus Dineng's 300 Madurese died in Ral alone, and perhaps f. decluding 100 Dayaks, lives in the conflict. Fr Yereting estimate is 4,000 dead. government acknowledges for than 300.

yen according to the of-ficial figures, sorie 2,500 bouses were do-stroyed before mid-Fehruary, when the local military, reinforced by this units from other parts of Indonesia, finally brought the situation under control Road blocks and landmines were deployed to prevent Dayaks reaching the large Madurese community in Pontianak. Jour-nalists who tried to enter the affected area were arrested and sent hack. The border with Malaysia was closed (to prevent Dayaks from Sarawak coming to the assistance of their indonesian brethren), and a news blackout was imposed on hos-

pitals and police stations.

The official line, explained by Captain SW Suhadi of the West Kalimantan police, is that the riots were individual squabbles; which got out of hand, with the encouragement of mysterious. "third parties". "It is finished," he said last week. 'It was based' on misunderstanding between: the two communities, and it's: absolutely finished."

Others are not so sure. Last Tuesday evening on the outskirts of Salatiga, two Dayak men approached carrying torches, rifles, and swords. They laughed when they saw our faces. "We thought you were Madurese," they said.

What if we had been Madurese, we asked. "We would have killed you, of course. All the Madurese must leave Kaliman tan. Not one of them may stay.



Rotting clothes lie in the jungle as a reminder of slaughtered Madurese villagers

Overwhelmingly, West Kali-

mantan is owned, administered,

and profited from by migrants

from other parts of south-east Asia, principally Malays, Chinese, Javanese, and a minority

Madura is a dry, barren island

off the east coast of Java, whose

people bave a national reputa-

tion for coarseness, armed vio-

lence and an uncompromising form of Islam. Like the Dayaks.

they are poor, and the govern-ment has dealt with this by

transplanting them to the more fertile islands of the outer arch-

ipelago where they inevitably become the neighbours that

nobody wants. Justly or un-

justly, Madurese have been blamed for numerous church

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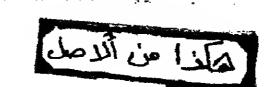


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A human skeleton (main picture) found in a burnt-out house used as a hiding place by Madurese during attacks by Dayaks, seen gathering (top) in Senakin village for war, many coming from the Bornean interior, carrying wooden spears, rifles, mandau (swords) and arrows. Dayak members of the regional parliament attempted to pacify the crowd, and urged them to return to their villages, but some stayed to look for Madurese.

The charred remains of (above) on the road between Salatiga and Mandor, burnt in the

Photographs: Richard Lloyd Parry

balism have been prompted by circumstance, such as pro-longed famine. The former So-

viet Union has a shameful

record in this regard, with the first cases being recorded in the Volga region during the famine

When millions died of star-

vation in Ukraine during the

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viet Union the problem has resurfaced with more than 10

Russians being charged with

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They included prisoners who are

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Other instances of cannibalism

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29 May: Indonesia holds a general 3 June: Dayaks tell The Independent they will not rest until every Madurese is either dead or gone from Kalimantan.

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Catalogue of rising bloodshed

1881: Publication of The Head-Hunters of Borneo by the explorer, Carl Bock. 30 December 1996: Two Dayaks stabbed during an argument with Madurese youths in Sanggauledo. Four days of violence follow, during which 5,000 Dayaks burn and kill in Madurese settlements close to tha Malaysian border, 6,000 Madurese retugees arrive in the city of Sinkawang

1 Jenuary 1997: Dayaks in Semelantan llaunt heads of dead Madurese and devour their hearts 8 January 1997: Dayak and Madurese

leaders make a peace agreement 29 January 1997: A Dayak school in Siantan, a Madurese suburb of Pontianak, is se! on fira Two Dayak girls are slabbed in their beds. 30-31 January: At least three Dayaks are lynched at Madurese checkpoints in Peniraman, 32km north of Pontianak The Red Bowl of war, a ritual symbol of war, is passed among the Dayaks

1 February: Madurese burn Dayak houses in Salatiga. Dayaks across the region burn Madurese houses and kill their inhabitants 1-4 February: Dayar war parties hunt

down and till hundreds of Dayaks in the jungle areas around Salatiga. Mandor, Pahauman and Ngabang, adjoining the road to Pontianak 3 February: Unconfirmed reports that 17 Dayaks ware killed trying to break Ihrough an army roadblock at Sungai

5 February Military reinforcements arrive. Malaysia closes its land border with West Kalimantan Military roadblocks set up and currew imposed

on Pontianak. 18 February: Dayak officials announce "peace agreement".

22 February: Dayaks burn 60 Madurese houses in Capkal Mandor, 60km north of Pontianak. 4 April: West Kalimantan governor Aspar Aswn asserts in the Jakarta Post that "there are no problems between the Dayaks and Madurese".

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A taste for the flesh of humans

lan Burrell

Despite lasting images of missionaries being cooked and eaten alive in Africa, the practice of eating the flesh of other bu-mans as a staple diet no longer exists even among tribal societies.

Forms of ritual cannibalism still survive in the Amazoo, where Mundurucu headhunters are known to cat the flesh of outsiders, and in the Irian delta in Indonesian New Guinca (Irian Jaya) where the Asmat eat dead members of their own

tribe as a rite of passage. Reports of head-hunting and cannibalism of one tribe by another are extremely rare and dif-

ficult to substantiate. Last year, Liberians caught up in fighting in the West African nation's civil war reported that teenage members of he rebel United Liberation Movement had cut out and eateo the hearts of their ene-

mies after cooking them.

During the Chinese Cultural Revolution in 1968 people were reported to have been eaten in the town of Wuxuan, south-west China, during clashes between rival factions of the Red Guard.

William Arens, an American professor of anthropology, dismisses the suggestion that whole societies were ever can-Other outhreaks of canni-

nibalistic as rucist myth.

Fury as Israel labels US Jews second class

Patrick Cockburn Jerusatem

A law labelling most American Jews as inadequately Jewish is throwing strain on relations between Israel and the powerful American Jewish community.

The point at issue is the right to convert someone to Judaism. A law now passing through the Israeli Knesset, which gives Orthodox rabbis a monopoly over conversion in Israel itself, has provoked a furious reaction from America's three million Jews who go to a synagogue but are not Orthodox.

"American Jews understand that the State of Israel is casting doubt upon their rabbis and, accordingly, upon the Jew-ish communities those rabbis serve," says Joseph Alpher, di-rector of the Israel/Middle East office of the American Jewish Community. He says that already American Jews, who go to Reform or Conservative rather than Orthodox synagogues, are beginning to refuse to contribute to Israel, where the majority of Jews are Orthodox.

Ironically, the present Bill go-ing through the Knesset with the support of the government is the result of a compromise which was supposed to conciliate community has always been American Jews. It is, in effect, a watered-down version of a Bill Democratic party. But it has exunder which the 200,000 or ercised unprecedented influ-

the US would no longer have been recognised as Jews in Israel. The way Reform rabbis convert in the US is a joke," a senior memher of the religious party Shas was quoted as saying.
"You buy a certificate for \$20

The new law will only derecognise Reform or Conservative conversions carried out in Israel itself. Conversions in the US. Britain and the rest of the world will still be recognised. Even Orthodox rabbis see that dere-cognition of the right to convert by most American rahhis would lead to anger in the US, but American Jews still consider the

The conflict is also having important political consequences. Mr Alpher argues that the US Congress has already set a precedent by cutting aid to Israel. Despite the power of the Jewish political lobby, he says American politicians notice when the US Jewish Community is less active in its support

legislation a slap in the face.

He says: "It becomes easier for the US administration to put pressure on Israel."

In practice there is little sign of this. The American-Jewish one of the major pillars of the

form or Conservative rabhi in administrations."In the National Security Council seven out of 11 top staffers are Jews, says the Israeli daily Ma'ariv.

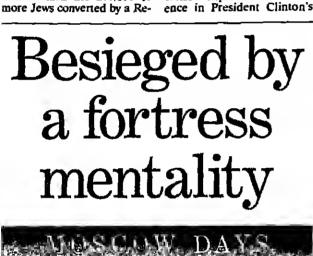
But Israel has few allies apart from the US. In the UN vote condemning the construction of the Jewish settlement at Har Homa in Jerusalem, the only country joining Israel and the US voting against the condemnation was Micronesia

Leaders of the US Reform and Conservative movements will arrive in Israel this week to try to work out a compromise. But it will be difficult to dilute the message to American Jews, which one fundraiser described as being: "You are not as good



At least 39 people died as fire swept through an 11th-century Hindu temple at Thanjauvr in Tamil Nadu, southern India, at the weekend, wh thousands of pilgrims had gathered for a religious festival. The blaze is believed to have started from a ce

They work better together.



I can see it quite clearly amid the trees below the window of my office. Just outside the fence that rings our apartment block, there is a hurnt-out black Mercedes. Local gossip has it that the vehicle was destroyed by a Molotov cocktail hurled through the windscreen by a

vengeful maña man. To the knot of Russian men who have gathered to inspect the wreckage, its sooty hulk is a familiar reminder of the perils of doing business with the wrong people. But to outsiders like me it also suggests that it is a good thing that we have a fence. Though most are delightful, not all of the neighbours should he invited in for afterпооп tea.

Like many expatriates in Moscow, I live in a peculiarly underground car park. Acprotected environment. The entrances to our monolithic complex, built by the Soviet authorities to coop up foreign diplomais and journalists, are blocked by barriers overlooked by guard posts. Security men wander rather aimlessly around the pavements along the foot of the huilding. The doors can only be opened by a code: they stand next to a small glass booth, usually occupied by a middle-aged woman who watches visitors come and go.

Excessive though this snooping often seems, there is some justification. Over the years, there have been muggings and

robberies.
Such is the general mood of unease that several neighbours have taken to employing their own muscle. For a while, every time I walked up the stairs to the office an oaf would dart out from an adjoining corridor, where he was guarding a businessman's flat, and give me a hostile glare - presumably to deter me from contemplating a bombing mis-sion. Happily, he's gone; but

there are bound to be others. Concern about safety is hardly surprising in a city in which bankers and other business-men are assassinated with such regularity that their deaths are barely commented upon. A thriving criminal class has filled the vacuum created by the end of the Soviet empire and hungled economic reforms. Not to take sensible precautions would be daft. But in Moscow, a deeper trend is underway, the flowering of an obsession.

By today's standards, our apartment block is positively lax. Those with money - Western executives and newty-enriched Russians - have a widening choice of fortresses in which they can seal themselves off.

And more and more are choos-

It can cost \$8,000 (£4,900) a month to live in Park Place, a US-managed complex in south Moscow, but there are plenty of people willing to shell out for an apartment in this privatelyrun Kremlin, in which the passageways are monitored by cameras and security men with earpieces roam the building.

There is no compelling need to go beyond its thick concrete walls, unless it is to work. It has restaurants, cocktail bar, tennis court, nursery school, gym, travel agent's, and more besides. The owners of luxury cars need not worry about fire bombs or the corrosive effect of freezing winters, as there is a heated cording to a friend who lives there, one of the residents remained indoors for so long that her small child never saw Russian grass.

All this is, of course, repeating a depressing pattern that has divided society in the United States, South Africa and - increasingly - western Europe. Take for example my old stamping ground in Los Ange-les. Desperate to attract adver-tising in a dismally regulated multi-channel world, the local television stations churn out bloody-thirsty, and often wildly exaggerated, stories about crime. The motto among competing news executives is chilling, but

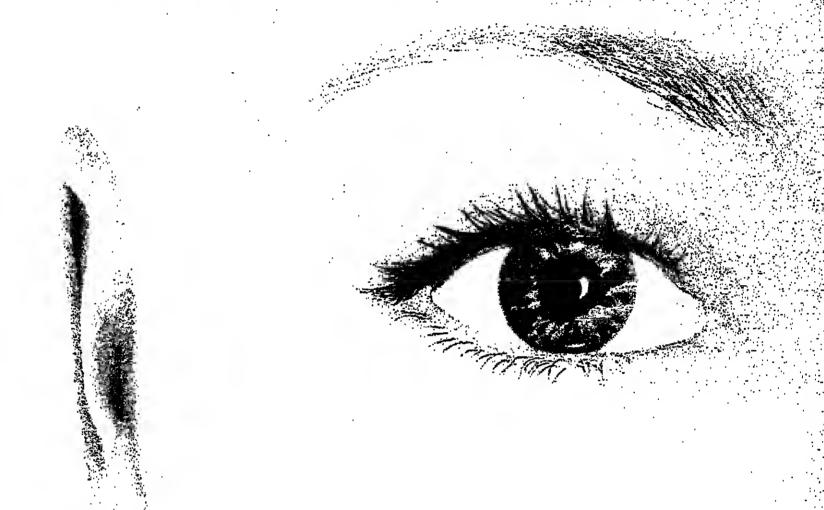
accurate: "If it hleeds, it leads."

Bombarded by this gore, the population has grown daily more terrified and distrustful of itself. Those with cash buy more guns and try to hide behind lock and key. Thus, the rise of the gated community - entire vil-lages built behind high walls and electronic barriers.

In Russia, the same process

is heginning without the cara-lyst of a hysterical ratingscrazed news media. If tabloid television ever arrives, it will have plenty of material with which to whip up an even greater froth of fear. During one recent weekend five women were stabbed in Moscow: 22 people died after drinking fake vodka in the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk: and 10 Russian soldiers were gunned down after one of their colleagues flipped. You see, the country is at times wild and lawless. But it won't get any better if its elite over-reacts and withdraws from is entirely, cowering from reality in their own very expensive, hermetically-scaled hutches.

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Fears over euro plans reach fever pitch

Katherine Butler

Luxembourg

EU waits on decision from France

Uncertainty over the new French government's economic policies Jospin government's intentions. the new European central hank, raised speculation about the future Strauss Kahn, the new French Fiof plans for a single currency to fever pitch as European finance aninisters gathered last night in Luxembourg for crucial talks. Before their meeting ends tonight the 15 ministers will have

to reaffirm their unswerving commitment to the launch of a strong euro oo 1 January 1999 to dispel doubts cast by the Socialist victory in the French elections and by Germany's budgetary crisis. Any sign of cracks will be seized on by the markets as confirmation either that a delay is inevitable or that the euro will be launched on time as a weak currency. But even as they arrived in Luxembourg - officially for a dinner to discuss designs for the eight euro coins - there was still no clear statement from Paris on the act as a political counterweight to

nance Minister who will be asked today to clarify whether he is serious about pre-election inb creation promises which would clearly be in conflict with the expenditureslashing criteria enshrined in the Maastricht treaty. He will also be grilled on France's commitment to

strict budgetary austerity in the curo zone after the launch. Mr Jospin has floated signals that he wants to unstitch agreement on the rules of the pact, negotiated painstakingly in Duhlin last December, to allow more emphasis on employment. The Socialisi government also wants a commitment to a "stability council of euro zone governments to

All eyes will be on Dominique and to agree economic policy for the Union. Any unravelling of the stability pact rules at this stage could, however, sound the death knell for the credibility of the euro.

Diplomats pointed hupefully to by the French for a reopening of stability pact negotiations but admirred that backsliding now could the stability pact, which will ensure be fatal. "Meeting the Emu deficit targets by the end of this year is one thing but the stability pact is criti-cal – it is what will give the whole thing credibility and cohesion ... If you don't have that you can throw your hat at it." said one source.

Germany masterminded the stability pact as a system of semi-automatic fines to be inflicted on member states who fail to maintain the fiscal rectitude Bonn has always deemed imperative if the

eurn is to offer the German pub-lie a credible alternative to the mark. It is due to be ruhber stamped by the Europeao Union heads of government meeting in Amsterdam in 10 days, so it would be a race against the clock to rewrite the rules at this stage.

minister who designed the stability pact, will also have to set minds at rest today as to whether Bonn itself can meet the Emu entry conditinns on time. He is meeting European colleagues for the first time since the debacle over his plans to revalue Germany's gold reserves and use the profits to plug a gaping hole in the budget deficit. Mr Waigel's humiliation at the hands of the Bundesbank which forced him to drop the plan has seriously damaged his credibility and robbed Germany of the moral high ground in the dehate over which member states should be allowed to join



Waterwork: Fisherman taking part in a dragon boat race near Cheung Chau, a Hong Kong island, yesterday as part of the celebrations marking today's Chinese

Italian peace force tortured Somalis

Andrew Gumbel

During the Gulf War, the joke about the Italian contingent in Operation Desert Storm was that they were providing the icecream trucks. In Gabriele Salvatore's film Mediterraneo, the Italian troops invading Greece are portrayed as warm-hearted young fellows who want nothing more than to play froaball with the locals,

For 50 years, the post-war generation in Italy has liked to think of its armed forces as "brava gente", nice guys who will stop at nothing to help old ladies and children in trouble but probably don't have the stomach for the brutal husiness of war. This weekend, that myth has been shartered by horrifying photographs published in two news magazines that tell a singularly missy story about Italian paratroopers attached to the UN peace mission to Somalia in 1993.

Young Somalis are shown stripped naked, heaten and wired up with electrodes attached to their testicles. Somai prisooers are shown being hooded and tied up before having cigarette huits stuhbed out on their naked flesh.

One former paratrooper who sold the most graphic photos to Panorama magazine, Michele Patruno, says such mistreatment of Somalis was, for a time, routine in his regiment. he said, showing the hurn marks the Folgore, one of the most fa-still visible on his hody.

mous in Italy. Prisoners were denied all food and drink except hot peppers, beaten, burned and electrocuted. On pairols, the men from Folgore would van-dalise families' water supply and destroy the house it they found so much as a single hullet inside.

What began as a paranoid fear of clan violence turned into "pure sadism". Mr Patruno said. Prisoners were even thrown against razor wire for the amusement of their captors. Mr Patruno said he had heard of about five or six deaths as a direct result of torture.

The revelations have acted like a hombshell in Italy, prompting a number of judicial and internal investigations and one call by a small government party to disbaod the Folgore regiment. The Folgore has a reputation for lingering pro-Fascisi tendencies, which in turn have caused concern about its present involvement in the Italian-led mission in Alhania.

The Somalis have reacted energetically to the scandal, opening law suits on 43 cases of alleged human rights violations. including 11 murders and 19 mstances of torture. Interviewed

in Mogadishu by Agence France Presse, one garage own-er called Ahmed Mo-ah Mohammed described being hooded, torrured and thumped with sandbags by the Italians. "They used me like an ashtray,"

Turkish general admits war on Kurds continuing

General Cevik Bir. Turkey's second highest-ranking military official contradicted the Prime Minister yesterday and said a three-week-old offensive against Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq was continuing.

The contrasting statements reflected the deep and growing division between the armed forces and the government of Prime Minister Neemettin Erbakan, who is trying to put a greater Muslim stamp on Turkish society.
Up to 50,000 troops, hacked by tanks and airpower, crossed the border on 18 May to wipe out rebel hases in

Hell's Angel held over shooting

A Hell's Angel was arrested yesterday and charged in connection with the killiog of a rival Bandidos hiker gang member outside a popular northern Denmark restaurant.

Three other Bandidos were wounded, two of them seriously, but were said to be in stable condition. The arrested man, whose name was not released, was the owner of a ear used io the shooting in Liseleje, a summer resort 27 miles north of Copenhageo. AP - Copenhagen

Israel forces settlement issue

Israeli and Palestioian negotiators met vesterday to try to revive stalled peace talks, but the session began only after Israel extracted a denial of reports it had agreed to a freeze on building Jewish settlements. The meeting between teams led by Palestinian Saeh Erekat and Israel's Dani Naveh was overshadowed by what had or had not been promised to hring it about.

US offers Kabila olive branch

The United States will offer Congo's new government military co-operation as an incentive to maintaio humao rights standards, US officials said yesterday. Presideot Laurent Kabila, agreed this weekend to allow UN officials to investigate alleged refugee massacres. AP - Kinshasa



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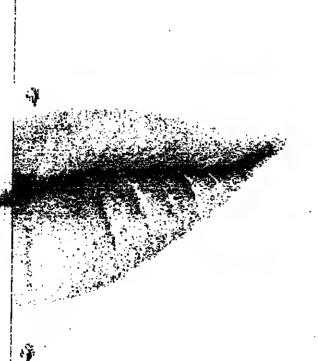
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Bouquet of Bard wire

Helena Kaut-Howson doesn't go in for traditional tourist-pleasers. Her latest production, 'All's Well That Ends Well', for the Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park, is no exception. It is set in a contemporary war zone. By Adrian Turpin

magine that you lived in an enchanted dell. Celestial music plays in the trees. Mischievous but henign spirits frolic. Life is sweet and straightforward. Then one morning you awake to discover that the fairies at the bottom of the garden have been joined by a military jeep, hand grenades, thundering explosions and the shell-shocked inhabitants of a war zone resembling the former Yugoslavia. How would that make you feel?

The answer is: a little hit like the staff of the Open Air Theatre in Pagent's Pag

of the Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park, faced with Helena Kaut-Howson's new production of All's Well That Ends Well. It's perhaps too easy to mock London's premiere al fresco theatre for being the home of "heritage Shakespeare": that's to say, decorous hut unchallenging productions of the Bard's hest-known works. To his credit, Ian Talbot, the company's artistic director, has made a point of introducing Shakespeare's tragedies into the repertory during his 10-year tenure. He has employed thinking actors, such as Judi Dench and Brian Cox, to direct. Nevertheless, the Open Air has never quite shaken off its image of being middlebrow and tourist-oriented. "We don't do A Midsummer Night's Dream every year," protests Talbot, who this year is playing Bottom in the Dream for the eighth time.

Against this background, the appearance of Kaut-Howson is remarkable. A distinctly leftfield artist, who cheerfully calls herself a "foreigner", she delights in the darkness and complexity of Shakespeare's vision. In selecting. 411's Well, she has lighted upon one of his most obscure plays, and she has chosen to set it in a contemporary military context. What the tourists will make of it is anyone's guess.

In the flesh, Helena Kaut-Howson is five-feet-not-a-lot of Middle European enthusiasm. She came to England as an actress in the mid-Sixties, having been

thrown out of Poland for marrying the English son of a Nato admiral, but she hasn't lost the accent. And, then, there's the curious way she injects the odd unidiomatic phrase into her long staccato sentences, a rogue "yet" in place of a "still", or a gratuitous "indeed".

Today, arriving hot-foot from the rehearsal tent, she's wondering about a new addition to her vocabulary. "I have just come across this phrase 'spin doctors'. Who are these spin doctors? They are mysterious people hehind who manipulate. I think."

Her Polishness - or at least the fact that she wasn't English - undountedly helped her during her immensely successful, if all too brief, reign at the Theatr Clwyd in Mold. North Wales, where, before the management shahhily got rid of her in 1995, she had established a rare reputation for artistic excellence. Sometimes Kaut-Howson's nationality has made itself felt very directly on stage. Her West End transfer of Jane Eyre, for example, juxta-posed the orphanage at Lowood with the Warsaw ghetto. But mostly her upbringing (she was born in Lvov during the Second World War) has informed her work in a more subtle way. "I always see the human situation within the larger context of his-tory or social upheaval," she says. "I never see the life of the individual as abstracted from the historical context."

The death of her father, a Jewish tailor who was murdered by the Nazis. taught her that. Her Marxist mother ("She was a Mother Courage figure") reinforced this lesson time and time again. In contrast to the Poles. "I think the English are very Edwardian. It's in their person old and young. Everyone treasures their beautiful best tea-set. Those values have not been blown to smithereens by the war or the revolution."

If, culturally speaking. Shakespeare is Britain's beautiful best tea-set, then Kaut-Howson hasn't been afraid of breaking a

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cup or two. Her recent King Lear (which is revived at the Young Vic later this month) cast the across Kathryn Hunter as Lear and framed the action within a nursing home for the elderly. "For that, a lot of critics slapped me on the knuckles." Was that fair? "They're entitled to their opinion. I think the English are rightly very pro-tective about their masterpieces of literature. I don't feel in any way that I've been messing about with King Lear, but I can see how protective they may feel, hecause when I think about a great Polish classic..."

Not that All's Well is exactly a great English classic. Indeed, the British theatre

seems to have ignored this tragicomedy like you might choose to ignore an embarrassing scatter-brained aunt. Peter Hall and Trevor Nunn (who re-located the action to the Crimean War) have both had a crack, and still the play hasn't found a niche in the repertoire. The Open Air Theatre has never before staged it in its

Its obscurity alone makes All's Well a daring choice for a theatre run on a tiny subsidy - just £10,000 from Westminster Council. And this is in a year when the Open Air faces new competition for the tourist pound from the newly opened Globe (see review below). A German tourist, or the kind of casual theatregoer for whom the play is secondary to the picnic, might be expected to know something about The Dream. Only for visiting academics is All's Well likely to ring any bells.

"I'm not doing it traditionally, mainly because I'm not quite sure what the tradi-tion is," says Kaut-Howson. For her, the play exercises a perennial fascination (this will be the third time she has directed it), although the words she uses to describe it sound like a commercially-minded theatre manager's worst nightmare; "It is a com-plex play, not immediately understandable. Between the main characters, there are puzzling and slightly ambiguous and con-

The dying king of France is saved by Helena, a physician's daughter, and as her reward she is allowed to wed the seemingly gallant young Bertram. Bertram, who is in fact a callous rat, reluciantly accedes to the king's wishes. But, encouraged by the braggart Parolles (played by Nigel Planer in this production as a stand-up comedian), he runs away to fight in Italy without consummating the marriage. From there, he writes to tell her that until she is pregnant by him and has in her possession the ring on his finger - "which never shall come off - she may not call him her husband. Instead of giving up at this point, Helena travels to Italy on a pilgrimage, tricks Bertram into having sex with her under the pretext that she is another woman, and takes the ring.
"It is difficult," Kaut-Howson admits

yet again (if Ian Talbot is eavesdropping, his hair is probably turning grey by now).
"Victorian audiences - who formed the hasis of our tradition of what is and is not enjoyable in Shakespeare - found it hard to put up with the unsympatheoc central character and the central premise of the plot. It is also very difficult"—that word. again - "to believe in the happy ending."
What Kaut-Howson says she finds so compelling about All's Well is "that curious meeting between the fairy-tale and the very caustically, ironically, realistically perceived picture of sexual and other

relations in society".

How well she'll be able to convey this is open to debate. Before any director working at the Open Air Theatre can even hegin to think about nuance, there are immense practical problems to be overcome; the cavernous stage, wind-threat-ened acoustics, ridiculously short rehearsal periods and having to share one lighting set-up between two productions (the lights can't be re-focused in daylight hours, and the theatre can't afford the overtime payments needed to re-focus them at night). The size of the auditorium simply does not



Photo: Adrian Dennis

allow for intimate tête-a-têtes, and for a director who has done much of her finest work in tight studio spaces that takes some getting used to.

But, she adds, her china-doll features lighting up, the outdoor setting does allow her to do justice to the many scenes set in the "war zone". No more little explosions played for jokes: a hig arena means hig bangs, a full armoury of modern weaponry, and the chance to re-create something of how it feels to live under the constant threat of war. This, she says, she discovered when she witnessed Israel's Yom Kippur war at first hand in 1973.

Even here, where many directors would just sit back and revel in the pyrotechnics. Kaut-Howson is trying to say something about individuals who have become unwittingly enmeshed in history.

"Some people will hate my production. I am sure," she concedes, but she's offer-ing no apologies. "I found at Clwyd that you don't have to speak down to audiences who are perhaps not sophisticated or highbrow. If you are not just being flashy and pretentious hut are genumely fascinated by something, they go along with you. I love that kind of audience. I think it is the proper kind of audience. They love heing gobsmacked." Pronounced with that Polish purt, heing "gobsmacked" sounds like the most exalted and exotic. state imaginable.

'All's Well That Ends Well' is in rep at the Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, London NW1 (0171-486 2431) from tomorrow. King Lear is at the Young Vic, London SEI (0171-928 6363) from 25 June

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The Pet Shop Boys have somehow avoided forceful ejection from pop heaven for 12 years now. Until 21 June the pop ironists are nestled in the Savoy Theatre, London, playing a series of concerts entitled "Somewhere". They are the first band to play a residency at a West End theatre, but it's hardly surprising because they have always been more at home with Coward and Wilde than Hendrix and Clapton and their songs

have always sounded like they belong in an unwritten musical. Ironically (what else could it he?) the theatrical setting sees them at their least theatrical. The atmosphere is far mnre intimate than previous shows; the absence of huge choreographed antics and massive costume changes prohably makes this the nearest thing the Pet Shop Boys will get in an unplugged concert.

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Tom Phittips's striking cos-

tumes and design - which

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plete appreciation was one of

the pair of hefty Corinthian pil-

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up stage - like the coming to life of Hermione's statue and

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Pet Shop Boys Savoy Theatre, London

Initially they play lots of B-sides, as if a serious setting requires serious work from the audience. Then, just as everyone's gearing themselves up for a dance as they play "Go West", they tip straight into the interval. The interval? We wanted to dance. This theatre thing must have gone to the Boys head. After the interval normal

service is resumed. They play "It's a Sin" mixed up in a disco cocktail with "I Will Survive". Neil Tennant tells us it's all right to dance. So we jive in our scats. And we notice Chris Lowe has slipped a hit of drum 'n' hass into the mid section. Alheit quietly, Sylvia Mason James belts oul the "I will survive" and Neil's monotone duets with her

powerful wail. A mistake he probably won't make again. Their forthcoming single. "Somewhere", a cover of the

West Side Story song, is all disco Pop beats, orchestral strings and epic arrangements which manage to sound even higger than the epic disco of "Go West".

Despite all this faceless antipop star treatment and bright arrangements. Neil is equally capable of singing from his heart: for every meaningless "Che Guevara and Debussy to a disco bear" there's the tragedy and Wildean wit of "Whatever fatal points they scored. I have never been ignored".

This tenderness reaches its peak during the encore, when . Neil appears with an unwieldy acoustic guitar. He gently strums his way through a tender version of "Rent". It works so perfectly, you wonder why they haven't done it before.

It's the contradictions: disposable beats and intimate clever lyrics that make the Pet Shop Boys appealing. Their selfconscious ano-rock stance is an antidote to whoever happens to be mistreating an electric guitar elsewhere in the charts. And thankfully, Chris standing behind the same Roland synthesizer pretending to produce all these sounds live is still the furniest running gag in showbiz. Booking: 0171-836 8888

Anthony Thornton

t the official opening of the reconstructed Globe Theatre Theatre, the drumming Henry V / cast of Henry V moved forward over the rush-strewn apron-The Winter's stage, and Mark Rylance, artistic director and leading actor, **Tale** intoned those famous lines which here have a resonant self-reference: "May we cram/ The Globe, Within this wooden O the very casques/ That did affright the London

walkahnut amongst the groundlings and you may say this is what I should have done The first full season has been launched with a pair of productions: Henry V directed by Richard Otivier, which has here. But I had a child with me who would have seen little from gone to a lot of trouble, though that low positinn in a crowd and, besides, a punter who has to no great interpretative effect, to reproduce original paid £18 for a seat shouldn't Elizabethan stage practices in have to have recourse to such the costuming and all-male casting; and David Freeman's staging of *The Winter's Tale* shifting around. Neither production could he described as inspired. The played on a carpet of red earth and with a tribal African feel to

Winter's Tale has some beautiful touches, particularly in the way it handles transitions. Time. played as a modern, rather posh vagrant with a cider bottle by Nicholas Le Prevost, enters through the groundlings and as he talks of the swift passage of 16 years, Anna-Livia Ryan's adult Perdita magically emerges, fully formed, from the baby bundle left on stage, solicitiously helped up by the Old Shepherd. But, with some admirable exceptions (especially Mr Le Prevoat, who doubles as a very funny, jerkily Cleese-like Autolycus), the cast too often opt for a coarse emotionalism.

Mark Rylance's excellent performance as Henry V demonstrates that subtlety of psychological shading can be communicated at this theatre.

This actor's total, beautifully unforced rapport with an audi ence is a wonder to behold whether he's letting us into Henry's pained sense of kingly hurden or extracting exquisite comedy in the wooing scene with Toby Cockerell's delectahly coy Katherine) and the Globe provides the ideal arena

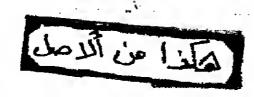
This theatre - in the inn-yard intimacy of its architecture and its exposure to the elements (there was torrential rain at the first night of Henry V) - promotes an amazing sens audience solidarity, and if this weren't a potential liability as well as a strength, then there would be no excitement to it. Listening to the crowd hiss at and boo the dastardly French. however, you may wonder if Olivier's handsome but dull production does enough to put such atavistic jingoism into perspective. What will The Merchant of Venice be like at this address?

Behind me at The Winter's Tale, there was a couple glued to a large Complete Works, fol-lowing the text with a fanatical devotion. Next to me at Henry V, was a young Japanese woman who kept a camera trained on the production throughout as though it were some extended alternative to the Changing of the Guard A tourist-trap-cum-playpen-forcranky-academics? The Globe can be infinitely more: and the quickest way to prove this is to let a truly great director loose

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Bed and board Howard's way

ward Hodgson - the man who, in spite of a Lesley Judd meets Kenny Dalglish hairdo, managed to make undertaking quite a hit sexy - was booted out as chief executive of Ronson last week. Actually, he

But if he hadn't resigned, he would have been booted out, so it amounts to much the same thing. And, yes, he is jolly cross.

Not so much with what happened, but more with the coverage.

As the tabloids had it, Mr Hodgson was asked to stand down because Christine Pickles, the company's curporate development manager, had become his mistress and the other directors did not take kindly to this swashhuckling juxtaposition of boardroom and bedroom. Miss Pickles, it was reported, was even promoted to finance director at one point.

Mr Hodgson very much wishes this story had not gone about. "It's just not true," he cries. Plus it's been very hard on Christine. "The idea that this girl got on in the world by getting her

Yes, Christine is his lover. She has been since 1994, since he first joined the company. But he never let it interfere with the running of the business, even abstained when her primmtions were voted upon. He says he was asked to resign because, even though he had taken Ronson from a dwindling lighter firm to one which offered "a whole range of male grooming products", the profits were not being realised quickly enough. He was sad to go, he says, but isn't hitter. The non-executive directors who wanted to get shot of him are all very old bankers. "I'll still be going about being hrilliant when they're in their boxes," he says.

And it's not as if he exactly needed the job, is it? Or, as he puts it, he made so much money when he sold his funeral empire that even if he never worked again he could still live very nicely and leave "at least £1.5m to each of my children".

What Howard effectively did was take over his family's ailing funeral firm in 1975 and huild it into the higgest quoted firm of undertakers in the country. By 1990, Howard Hodgson plc had an additional management of the country. a capital value of £100m, employed 2,000 people and did 68,000 funerals a year, which meant Howard was burying one in 10 of the nation's dead. He sold his share to a French company in 1991 because, quite frankly, the offer was too good to refuse. He made £7m. He thought he would retire and write books. He did write one book. How To Become Dead Rich, but did not enjoy himself. "I hated it. I'm a team player."

The book was not a roaring success in sales terms. He has a garage full of them. ("If you want a rare Hodgson book, get one that isn't signed.") A copy sits between us on the coffee table. Howard points at it and says: "If you look in the index, you'll actually find more references to Margaret Hilda Thatcher than there are to Howard Hodgson!" Yes, he is very much a classic product of the Thatcher age of enterprise and, yes, he misses her horribly. The current lot, he says, are "a pathetic shower". He is much amused by attempts to promote William Hague as the dashing, sexy leadership candidate. "I've a better chance at pulling than him," he says. "And, at 47, I'm 11 years older."

Howard and Christine live in Poole, Dorset, in a big modern job hehind one of those Beverly Hills-style electric gate thingies. It is Christine, who also stood down from Ronson last week, who lets you in. She is 32 and very pretty and utterly devoted to Howard. She seems to live mostly in the kitchen, for some reason. Howard refers to her either as "my current girlfriend" or 'GFP". "Get us a coffee, GFP," he bellows from the sitting room. GFP? "Greasy Fat Pig." How charming. "It's an endearment," he stresses. Will they ever marry? Hang on, he says, he isn't divorced from his wife yet. Does Christine want to marry? "Of course. She's from Lancashire."

Inside, the house is all thick carpets and ruched curtains and latticed radiator covers and antiques which may be the real thing hut don't look it amid all the rest. The overall effect is very Bar-

gatt's meets Fads via the reproduction furniture department at John Lewis. I do not get to go upstairs, but guess there's a Jacuzzi, frilly skirts around the dressing tables and, in the master bedroom, those white fitted wardrobes which Page Three girls always seem to hanker after. I think they go by the name of Schreiber. Think upmarket Schreiber

and I reckon you are there. However, what you notice most are the silver-framed

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photographs, which are everywhere. There are lots of Howard's children (Howard, 22: Jamieson, 14: Davinia; 7), but there are many more of Howard, and you get the full pictorial tour. This is me as a baby, me as a child, me on my boat, me meeting Richard Branson..." Howard is quite deliciously vain, and the only person I've ever met who drops his own name in conversation. The staff at Ronson, he says, have been faxing him constantly to say: "The building is not the same without Howard Hodgson!" Should anyone ever make a film about his life, he confesses he would like Sean Bean to star because "he looks quite like me and is strong". I do not suggest Kenny Dalglish or Lesley Judd as more suitable alternatives. His heartbreak would, I fear, be too much to bear. (Howard, it's really time for the hairdo to go. I later tell

him. "But it's so me." he cries in reply.) Howard comes from Birmingham, from a line of local funeral directors, Hodgson & Son of Hockley, founded in 1850. His father, Paul, was the fourth Hodgson in charge. The business did very well up until his father.

Howard loved his father very much. "He was very handsome, very charismatic. He looked like Errol Flynn and drank like him.



He liked the good life - Aston Martins and fast women and slow horses. He was a good funeral director hut a useless businessman. He would say: 'I've just met this marvellous chap. We're going to go into business together.' And I would have to say: Father, hasn't it ever occurred to you that the chaps you meet in private drinking clubs in the middle of the afternoon might

His mother, Sheila, was often irritated by her husband's lack of competence. "Let Howard do it. He is much better at such things," she would often say to him, while Howard went "no, no, inside. He hated to see his father belittled. His mother is still alive and still as tough as anything. "She makes Margaret Thatcher look like a gay liberation worker for lesbians in Lambeth. If I'm invited for lunch and I'm not prompt she will say: 'Howard. I don't care who you are. Lunch in this house is at Ipm and I'll thank you to remember that."

Interview **Deborah Ross** talks to

> HOWARD HODGSON

air would do him good. He remembers his parents taking him to Switzerland, walking him half-way to his school then leaving him at a bend in the road. You go on, they said, while we turn back. "I was very British about it," he "I kissed my mother on her cheek. I shook my father's hand. I started to walk, but some-

Howard was educated pri-

vately in England, and then,

from 14, in Switzerland

because he suffered from

asthma and it was thought the

thing made me look back just as my father was looking back. My mother was still walking purposefully on. Anyway, I ran back, jumped in my father's arms and burst into tears. My father had always been wonderful to me, especially as a young man. When I had the asthma it was my father who stayed up all night, wiping away the vomit and everything. When he died (in 1985) I wept and wept and wept, not only with love, but also with regret. In my silly, English way I had never told him how much I loved him."

Howard first joined the family firm pretty much direct from school. But, initially, he didn't stay long because he fell out with his father when his father divorced his mother for someone else. then tried to hang on to her money. Howard took his mother's side. His father was appalled. And sacked him. Howard went off, became a very successful insurance salesman, and married a Frenchwoman, Marianne, the mother of his children.
The first time he introduced Marianne to his mother, his

mother warned her: "You have to get used to the Hodgson men. They marry ladies but fuck tarts."

Well, it makes a change from, "Where would you like your wedding list, Selfridge's or Peter Jones?"

Anyway, Howard was doing very nicely for himself when, in 1975, his father came to tell him the business was in trouble on the brink of receivership, in fact - what should he do? Howard's answer was to buy it off him for £14,000 and then go on th huild up a great chain of funeral firms.

In a sentence, he did this by endlessly acquiring, asset-stripping, keeping any local family names but centralising control, and introducing schemes such as the wonderfully-named Destiny with Dignity whereby people could pre-pay for their own funerals.

Although he grew up immersed in the culture of death - one Christmas, he got a cowboy fort made out of coffin off-cuts - he was not prepared when, in 1983, one of his children died. No parent ever is. "When I was a young guy and I had to do a child's funeral, I thought, what am I going to say to these people? How will they ever live again?" Widows were a different matter. He had a set patter for them. He would say: "I know today has been a difficult day. You were married for how many years? 48. And you have 11 children plus how many grandchildren? 72. And here

they are all around you.
"Sometimes, I take ladies home and they have no one ..." This always cheered the widows up no end. But when it came to chil-

dren, "I always handled it very badly."

His son Charles, who would now be 18 had he lived, drowned when, aged three, he wandered unnoticed into a swimming pool during a family holiday in Thailand. Howard says Marianne coped much better than he did because she howled and let all her grief out, whereas he couldn't. "I would go to work, come home, then sit and stare at the walls in some kind of frozen state. I didn't cry until two years later when I was in the bath and suddenly burst into tears. Marianne came rushing in to ask what was wrong. "I'm crying for Charlie," I said,

He was most helped, he says, by a crematorium organist, as unlikely as that sounds. "This guy would play 'Light My Fire' or 'He Aint Heavy, He's My Brother' as the coffin was going in. But he'd disguise the tunes in such a way only I knew he was doing it. I used to say to him afterwards 'You little shit. The family are asking what the lovely music was.' "Anyway, this bloke wrote some tunes to which Howard set lyrics.

He wrote mostly about Charles, and found it immensely therapoutic. He has a tape of the songs somewhere. He says he did not commit "any acts of impropriety" until 14 years into his marriage, when he started appearing in colour supplements and winning titles such as Businessman of the Decade and he became the rock star of undertaking and it all went to his head rather. City PR girls threw themselves at him. He was flattered. He could

not resist.

He left Marianne in 1992 for one of these PR girls. No, he couldn't have just had a discreet dalliance with her. City girls, he complains, don't go in for casual sex any more. He blames

feminism, "The biggest enemy to women has been feminism. Femmism told girls to go out and be like boys and earn and have sports cars. Men find this threatening and don't want to marry them. There's now this whole plethora of girls wandering around the City, desperate to get married. They don't want casual relation-ships. They want committed ones." His main grumble with fem-

inism, I reckon, is that it put an end to the quick shag.
You know, after meeting Mr Hodgson I go away bothered, and remain bothered for some days. This isn't because he is horrid in any way. It's because he reminds me of someone and I cannot put my finger on it. Then, mid-aisle in Tesco, it suddenly comes to me. He reminds me of this hudgic my grandmother used to have called Joey.

Joey was a darling thing hut all be ever wanted to do was sit on his little swing and peck at his reflection in the mirror all day. Whenever you opened the door of his cage to give him a fly-about, he would always give you a look that said: "Excuse me. I'm having a very nice time admiring myself in here. Please shut my door and go away." And I reckon Howard is rather like this too. The

husiness was his mirror. Then it was girls.

Now, I'm not saying Mr Hodgson isn't elever. Or isn't likeable in his swashbuckling, old-fashioned, Thatcherite way. (Yes, when his son died, he did think "Why me, and not one of those silly girls in the Daily Mail who seem to drop nine babies a week?") Certainly, he is more entertaining than Joey ever was. And he offers better claret and is cleaner in going about his toilet. But, like Joey, he never tires of kissing his own reflection.

And the happy couple were atheists

Earnest? Joyless? No, writes Lynne Wallis, this humanist wedding was fun – and deeply moving

that she was getting married. I was delighted. She'd had a series of unsuitable partners, and finally she'd found someone she loved who really cared about her. But when the arminist that it was to be a humanist cershe explained that it was to be a humanist ceremony, my enthusiasm waned. I didn't know emony, my enmusiasin wanted. I didn't know exactly what a humanist wedding entailed, but I knew it wouldn't be legally recognised. The whole idea sounded to me like PC gone mad, and if they weren't married in the eyes of the law, what was the point? Although I'm not especially religious myself, I couldn't help thinking: if you're going to take the plunge, there's nothing quite like a traditional church wedding, with confetti, posh hats, saucy best man's speeches and weeping aunties. A bunch of people standing around under a cherry tree holding hands didn't hold quite the same appeal. But before I knew it, the invitations had gone out and the

glorious day was upon us.
As atheists, the couple chose to have a humanist ceremony first, backed up by a register office the following weekend, more to keep their families happy than for any need they felt

They hired a huge 14th-century country to legalise their vows. house in Sussex for their wedding weekend. Such

opulence certainly hadn't been part of my idea of an "alternative" wedding. The house slept 20 and came with pool, tennis courts, sauna and fabulously well kept grounds. The bride and groom welcomed their 80 or so guests at the door, she in a stunning blue satin, full-length, boned-bodiced dress with a net wrap around her shoulders; he in a trendy wool suit and clogs.

The crowd was ushered through to an elegant drawing-room for the ceremony, while the hride and groom escaped for a few minutes to prepare themselves for their big moment. Grannies, parents and elderly aunts sat at the front in comfy sofas and armchairs, while remaining guests stood in this now rather full room. The scent of lilies wafted in from the hall and there wasn't a sound as the bride and groom walked in and sat down, facing their guests, in two high-backed wooden fairy-tale chairs, like the King and Queen of Hearts, ready to vow their love for each other. It was such an emotionally loaded moment that clapping them seemed appropriate, so we did. I'd imagined some dreary, earnest types dressed down for the occasion in defiance of tradition, rather than up. Instead, here was a room full of colour, sparkle and excited anticipation, with no sombre priest or po-faced organist to dampen the mood.

The couple could have arranged for n "cele-hrant" from the Humanist Society to perform their ceremony. Instead, they opted for one of the groom's two best men, who explained what the ceremony entailed and proceeded expertly to "MC" it. The bride had a six-strong coven of best women - she had so many close female

friends that she'd feh unable to pick a "best" one.
Friends each read some quotations chosen by the bride, from Jane Austen to the 10th-century poet Frau Ava. The last two, love poems, moved the groom almost to tears, which of course started the whole room off. There were speeches from the bride's mother and father, blessings, asked of grandparents and willingly given ("we've only been waiting for four years!") and finally the couple's vows, written by themselves. They promised to look after each other and love each other in the future, whatever that might hold, then exchanged simple gold bracelets and kissed.

Seeing their faces as they took their vows made the whole thing more meaningful, for me, than anything else could have, and it made me question the sense of church weddings, where the only person to see the important bit close up is someone the couple possibly met only a few days before, at rehearsals. Here, there was- The Humanist Society (0990 168 122).

The bride invited a photographer friend to take candid shots whenever he could, and the results are better than any posed wedding album photographs I've ever seen. So, instead of an hour of posing, it was straight through to the dining-room for an excellent lunch, followed by the traditional bit the couple were keen to retain; champagne toasts and cutting of cake on the lawn outside. At about 5pm, everyone drifted off for sleep, tennis or swimming, then reassembled for an evening party, or rather, par-ties. The groom's dad led a piano-accompanied sing song in the smoking-room, some exhausted parents sat in the kitchen chewing the fat, while the more energetic of us pranced about to hits of the Eighties.

So shame on me. This wedding ceremony wasn't some petty, two-fingers-at-the-Establishment act of rebellion. It was, simply, what they wanted. So hats off to humanist weddings, or should that be hats on?

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hh. Can you hear the slithering of the buck when we discuss the the father. Vandalism? Dad wasn't Causes of Bad Things? It hardly matters which of society's ills we are talking about - smoking, driving while talking on a mobile phone, violence, unemployment - there is a natural progression of blame. The first stop is to condemn individuals' failings, but if that were all that were needed the previous government would have eradicated crime, not tripled it. It was one of the new Prime Minister's simplest insights to say that by looking to the causes of wickedness we do not excuse it. So we must then ask why people hehave badly and try to change the way they behave – through education. If only we could teach children "the difference between right and wrong", or that drugs screw you up, or that crossing the road is hazardous, then all would be well. Jesuits have long applied the principle that if you can get to the child, you can shape the adult. But the more we pursue the causes of social ills, the clearer it is that we are on a treadmill running hackwards. Secondary school is too late for sex and drugs education, so it has to be started at primary school. But primary school is too late for moral education. And much schooling effort is hindered or negated at home. Off bounces the huck: the root cause of crime and anti-social behav-

iour must be bad parenting. Step forward the arch-villain of mod-

there to exert discipline. Unemployment? Dad didn't care about homework. Lone mothers? Deadbeat dads abandoned them.

At last, help is at hand. No, not a Labour government dedicated to the notion of the "strong family". We are talking about self-help (see page 3). A book, How to Succeed as a Parent, is about to be published. So all the guilty fellows lurking in the shadows need do is read and inwardly digest the handy hints and lists of dos and don'ts?

Unfortunately not. The most important advice from the book's author, Steve Chalke, is for fathers to be there. Time is the "greatest gift" a father can give to his child. But, 10 years after the breakdown of a relationship with the mother, half of all fathers have lost contact with their children. Mr Chalke does not actually attend to the real problem of parenting in broken and deprived families, but to the rather different one of the guilt of middle-class parents. Attitudes towards good parenting have gone through a revolution since the Fifties. Self-help manuals have transformed fathers' attitudes, especially since the publication of the Gospel According to Dr Spock (never mind that yesterday Dr Spock's sons revealed that the guru of touchy-feely parenthood was himself cold and distant). Nowadays it is considered compul-



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sory, for example, for fathers to be present at the birth of their children.

Mr Chalke's advice (don't say, "I wish you'd never been born") is misdirected at parents who worry that they do not spend enough time with their children. That angst is real, and the dehate about "quality time" with one's children is a serious one, hut it is a world away from the problems of children who are neglected or abused by their parents - some of whom say, and mean, that they wish their children had never been born.

A survey of teenagers finds that Paul Gascoigne, Grant Mitchell and Prince

Charles are "Britain's worst fathers". The hlurring of distinctions hetween fact and fiction (Grant is a character in EastEnders, whereas Gazza and Chazza are notionally real people) is diverting, although the message is clear: they do not spend enough time with their children. One of Gazza's crimes was to have gone on a drink-ing spree while his wife gave hirth to

But the important difference is between children who have a loving relationship with their parents, hut want to see more of them, and those

problems ends, and it is no wonder that the interrelated problems of crime, poverty and educational under-achievement seem insoluble. We do not hear so much from Tony Blair nowadays about the "causes of crime", because so many of the paths of causation are circular. But it was encouraging that Mr Blair made his first prime ministerial speech on social policy in a south London council estate last week, because although specifics were still missing it suggested that the Government understands how a numher of factors interact and reinforce each other, creating a so-called "underclass" of moral and physical deprivation.

A government cannot legislate against bad parenting, or family breakdown, hut provided it is not distracted by the punitive simplicities which dictated Conservative policy it can act to break some of the cycles of despair. The issue of child-care and nursery schooling has been caught up in the middle-class guilt trap, because some have argued that children need more time with their parents (who need to work shorter hours) rather than being sbunted into the care of more strangers. These are irrelevant arguments when it comes to breaking the cycle of deprivation among lone-parent families on who feel abandoned and want their problem estates: these children need to

spend less time with their parents, and their parents (usually their mothers) need to spend less time with their children. Otherwise, lone mothers will continue to be dumped from the labour market for 16 years or more.

From 1979 we had a government which seemed to be applying sticking plaster to the symptoms of growing social problems. Now we have a Prime Minister dedicated to tackling the underlying causes. On this, rather than last week's frothy opinion-poll rating his place in bistory depends.

What price rain on our parade?

The sun is shining. England is win-ning at football and performing with unaccustomed style on the cricket field.
Tony Blair is in his heaven and all is right with the world. Euphoria all round. One nation at least (the one which invented these sports, for goodness sake) feels good about itself. The popular myth is that Harold Wilson won the 1966 election because the voters felt good about winning the World Cup, but of course he won the election before England won the cup. This just goes to show that Labour victories really are the cause of sporting prowess. But not in rugby. And was that a spot of rain?

The secret of

boxed himself in with an

materialistic electorate.

Houdini Harold

Sir. Thank you for the parallels

between Tuny Blair and Harold Wilson | The cautionary tale of

overvalued exchange rate, Tony Blair has boxed himself in by yielding up both of government's main levers on the economy: interest rates to the Bank of England: and taxation to his promises to our much more

Labour's last moderniser". 4 June ... There are others, If Harold Wilson

Houdini Harold escaped and, at he end of six years, the trade

deficit of £376m had been turned

cent to a level only a little less than it is now and unemployment was only a shade over half a million -

and all that without open access to

into a surplus of £871m, the manufacturing investment needed to sustain it had increased by 44 per

- LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

Business must face a new ethical world

Sir: Your Business Comment (6 June) displays the 1980s "market forces" view of business which is

unfortunately still prevalent in the City but hardly anywhere else.
We will not bave an ethical foreign policy ("Mr Cook, we are up in arms", 6 June) or ethical home policy while we still have such unethical corporate governance and leadership. The primary purpose of a business is to meet public needs, not to "create wealth" for directors or shareholders. Try telling a bank manager that you are starting up to create wealth - he will look askance and ask you how.

Over recent years businesses have realised the importance of meeting customers' needs, but many, especially in the City, are slow in waking up to the popular public demand for wider social responsibility, which New Labour's

It is no longer acceptable for a few people to feed their greed to the detriment of many others. That is why chain letters are illegal and that is what is wrong with privatised (monopoly) utilities. Even the US has better business ethics legislation than we bave. GÖRDON GLASS Director, 2020 Vision Ltd

Sir: All praise to the Liverpool women campaigning to ban arms exports to Indonesia because of the use of these arms against the people of East Timor ("Mr Cook,

we are up in arms"). We should remember that Indonesia has been holding the Western end of New Guinea, socalled "Irian Jaya", since the Sixties The only rationale for handing it over to Indonesia was that country's status as successor to the Dutch East Indies. The New Guinea people are quite unlike Indonesians.

Since then Indonesia has colonised the country, moving in thousands of Javanese settlers, and terrorised the people. A friend staying in a village in the south of "Irian Jaya" some years ago reports having seen a human hand floating by on the river. Her host was unsurprised, as such sights, he said were a common result of

Indonesian activities. East Timor is enough reason for keeping arms nut of their hands, but not the only reason. PHILIP SCOTT Royston, Henfordhsire

Sir: In the interest of public information isn't it time the BBC or Channel 4 commissioned a new flyon-the-wall documentary series about the fat cats at Camelot and the former public utilities. Once we see how hard these people work and what rare skills and talents they possess we will understand why they award themselves bonuses which, for many of us, exceed the total income from our working lives. MELVYN RUST St Albans, Hertfordshire

Consultants do inform patients

Sir: As a near contemporary of Dr Phil Hammond (article, 3 May), I suspect that his illustrations of the problems of informed consent for medical procedures are derived from memories of his time as a junior house surgeon. It used to be standard practice to delegate preoperative counselling to the most

inexperienced member of the team, often with much hluffing. Much has changed since then. Patient expectations are now much higher, sometimes unrealistically so. Publicity over medical mishaps is important in a free society, but

often contributes extra worry to patients, even though the scale of media interest reflects how rarely such mishaps occur. Rapid technological advances now hring very complex procedures into routine clinical practice, placing a greater burden of explanation on medical staff. There has been a move towards:

consultant-based, rather than consultant-led service, and "informing" and "consenting" now rest rightly with senior staff. For elective surgery, signature on an NHS standard form of consent does not constitute informed consent, and is a simply a record of agreement to proceed. Each patient must be informed to their own level of satisfaction. This process should begin with the patient's GP and the pre-operative visit to the consultant's clinic. In my own hospital, the form is usually signed in a pre-admission clinic a week before the operation, which provides a further opportunity for patients to meet and question both the doctors and nurses who will be providing most of the patient's

As regards the availability of audit results. Dr Phil will he aware that surgeons were the first group of clinicians to voluntarily audit their practice, and it is now compulsory across hospital specialties. An advantage of the current NHS referral system is that even if surgeons do not find out "how their hernias do" - as we can no longer afford follow-up out-

patient appointments following simple procedures - GPs do, and rapidly develop a sense of whn performs well or otherwise. Thus consultants do receive regular feedback - either directly, or through lower referral rates. Audit results are increasingly available in medical literature and on institutional Internet Web sites such as our own.

One thing has not changed since Dr Phil's last direct contact with the surgical world. Most NHS consultant surgeons across the nation are still allocated a measly 10 minutes for their new patient consultations. Hopefully this problem bas already been earmarked for urgent reform. MIKE LARVIN Consultant Surgeon and Hunterian Professor of Surgery Leeds Institute for Minimally

The benefit families need

Invasive Therapy Leeds General Infirmary

Sir: Frances Savin (letter, 6 June) is right in suggesting that the minimum wage cannot be expected to cover the cost of a family. In the 1972-73 select committee on taxcredit the argument for a system of comprehensive support for children which I put forward (together with Professor Kaldor and Professor Abel-Smith) was dismissed on the grounds that it had wide implications for the wagestructure of the country. In our

two-income family society this argument must be taken seriously equal pay is to be a reality. We should not however try to go

back to a breadwinner/full-time mother society. We need to have a special Family Responsibility Benefit for families with a child under school age. Young children require considerable attention which makes it impossible for both parents in make a normal contribution to family income. Either one parent (usually the mother) is restricted in her shility to earn if she provides this, personally, or the couple have considerable expense in providing

substitute care.

It is essential that the family should be free to choose how this care is provided. The present system of support produces a poverty trap and is administratively expensive. Only a special henefit can provide the necessary flexibility. The form of care will vary according to the age and needs of the child and the earning opportunities available to both parents. MARY TYLER

Sir: Earlier this year I presided at the marriage of Emma and Simon Today they inform me that she is pregnant, and still living with her mother. They hope to live in the village in which her grandfather was the carpenter. The reason they cannol find their own home for their child to be born in is because the council houses have been sold

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Twenty years ago Emma and Simon would have stood a fair chance to remain in the village of their ancestors. When will the new government initiate a policy of rural housing and housing trusts so that Emma and Simon can remain in their village? The land is here, what we want is the maney. Please, Mr Blair, "there is no room in the The Rev PAUL JENKINS

Tide running against salmon

Singleton, West Sussex

Sir: Your special report on Britain's disappearing wildlife (6 June) fails to mention one of our most threatened species, the North Atlantic salmon (Salmo salar). Already classified as endangered

by the European Commission and on the ICES list, this magnificent creature is in rapid decline throughout these islands.

The Hampsbire Avon counts in scores a salmon run once measured in thousands. The Stour in Dorset supports only a tiny remnant stock, while the Test and Itchen are host only to returning artificially reared stock. The authorities acknowledge that these populations have passed the point where they are able to sustain themselves without

intervention. Add to the many hazards that have caused this near demise, the threat of infection by a lethal parasite called Gyrodactylus salaris that has rampaged from the Baltic.

through Scandinavia into France.

Salmon lack cuddle appeal. They

are wet and rarely visible. They are

nevertheless magnificent creatures

with a remarkable life cycle the loss

would be as tragic as the loss of the

Germany and Spain, and some

of which, to our British waters,

tiger to India. BRIAN MARSHALL

Association

Limon, Cambridgeshire

Chairman, Wesser Salmon

Irish famine

Sir: Professor Byron's views tletter.

famine of the 1840s are completely

7 June) on mortality in the Irish

There is no greater proximate

factor in susceptibility to infectious

disease than nutritional status. Thus,

mortality increases by 12-fold, ceteris paribus, in a situation of famine (The

Cambridge World History of Human

Byron avers that action by health

Discase, ed K Kiple, Cambridge

workers during the famine was futile because the disease vector

attention to the Austrian cordons

home, look no further than the

famous Broad Street pump in

epidemic - 311 years before the

cholera bacillus was identified.

Dr NANU GREWAL

Oriel College, Oxford

University Press, 1993).

in relapsing fever, his example.

and disease

might think the cause hypeless.

In those days we were much clearer about the object of the resources into industrial investment, in order to give us the trade surplus on which we depended (and still do) for domestic expansion and full employment. Without that clarity of practical purpose I do not see

Balsham, Cambridgeshire

Mandarins

I have four sons, all born hetween 1955 and 1965. Three are in the private sector (railways, huilding and advertising). The fourth, who is academically the hrightest [first-class degree from Oxford), is a senior civil servant in Whitehall. My private sector boys are paid two to four times as much as the civil servant and in no way

automatic honnurs, but in the case of the Civil Service please do not justify this on the grounds that the staff are reasonably paid.

June offers "earworm" as the mot juste for a tune that lodges in the

had not been discovered. I draw his Nor do I, but that person presumably spoke German well enough to know the word *Ohrwumt and English not well enough to know that its proper translation is "earwig". Collins German Dictionary gives "Der Schlager ist ein richtiger Ohrwurm" as "That's a really catchy record". LES TELFORD Flitwick. Bedfordshire

how Tony can do the same trick. Sir FRED CATHERWOOD.

paid in gongs

Sir: My confidence in your integrity has been shaken by the bland statement in your leading article of 5 June that "Whitehall staff are reasonably paid" and consequently should not expect to be in a group which receives homours for its top lew chiefs as a sort of compensation for poor remuneration.

Since 1979, when public service hecame unfashionable, the Civil Service has been the subject of severe pay restraint and staff cuthacks.

would they pretend that this was a justifiable disparity.

By all means let us do away with

PAUL BARRACLOUGH

East Sussex

German worm Sir: Tony Shelbourne (Letters, 3

hrain, hut does not know who first coined it.

sanitaires of the 18th century, which prevented the incursion of the third plague cycle into Europe. Closer to London, which John Snow had removed in 1855 to halt a cholera

Labour is in chains to Tory rhetoric

Andrew Rutherford says Jack Straw must cut prison numbers, on land and at sea

In the House of Commons this afternoon the Home Secretary. Jack Straw, will confirm that within days, prisoners will be transferred to HM Prison Weare, the New York prison vessel now moored in the Weymouth naval dockward. mouth naval dockyard.

The ex-container ship is a hulk. Michael Howard's legacy and symbol of Tory penal policy. Labour's question is whether to keep it. Does it remain hostage to the populist agenda it inherits from the Tories (which it helped to create) or, after calm reflection, change

tack? Early indications are amhiguous.

Take Mr Straw's "zero tolerance" slogan. It is already in danger of becoming the Labour counterpart to "prison moving." Descenian police powers and works". Draconian police powers and a heavy reliance upon imprisonment are no substitutes for carefully address-ing anti-social and offending behaviour over the long term.

nions

onfidence

Yet a promising aspect of the new Government's policy is involving local authorities by imposing a statutory duty on them to develop crime prevention strategies, which necessarily will take time to come on stream. Some things can, however, he done at once; for example, huilding up leisure facilities for young people. That sort of move would receive wide public support and the clamour for curfews and similar restrictions might subside.

Setting the tone on crime is every hit as important as legislation. Jack Straw is going to have to do something in the face of the record number - more than 60,850 - currently held in the prison system. The prison population has gone up by a third in the last five years. Furthermore, recent Home Office projections may have underestimated the

level of underlying growth.

It is a grave situation, but whatever the Home Secretary says, his body lan-guage is read attentively by judges and magistrates. He must attempt to change the sentencing "mood" by encouraging courts to think of other, more constructive penalties. Some of his predecessors (most notably Roy Jenkins, William Whitelaw and Douglas Hurd) eschewed a passive stance on prison numbers. Mr Straw will need to sort out his own position and the rhetoric he deploys before agreeing to vei iumner ex

Closely connected is the question of whether he should bring into force the main provisions of the Conservatives' Crime (Sentences) Acl, which would have the effect of pushing up prison numbers. Mr Straw has said he hopes to meet the original implementation target dates, but that he is also aware of the projected increases in prison population. He is going to have to revisit sentencing, putting an end to mandatory prison terms, and with them, the worst of the American experience.

The explosion in the use of penal custody is just one area where Labour must be wary of repeating the failure of President Clinton's "tough hut smart" stance on crime. While vast sums are being appropriated to construct additional prisons and jails, crime prevention programmes have suffered.

Over the past five years, Labour has taken a mostly instrumental view of the criminal law. Criminal justice and penal policy are regarded simply as being part of the armoury for combating offend-ers, as if they did not reach to the core of how a society defines itself and to whom it affords the protections and opportunities of citizenship. Aspiratinns for an inclusive society will inevitably sour as the paraphernalia of incarceration increasingly litter both landscape and seashore.

The author is chairman of the Howard League for Penal Reform.



What defence toys really cost us

ony Blair has just announced that he is to purchase a fleet of 232 magnificent Rolls-Royces for his government. Each one of them is so state-of-the-art that they cost more than £60m. "What does the Government need them for?" you might ask. But no one is asking. The extraordinary thing is that such a question just isn't on the agenda. Oddly enough, there are no rumbles of protest at this extravagance - not a whisper, not even from the Treasury. These dream machines are justified on the grounds that huilding them will provide thousands of jobs. The Rolls-Royces have been

Alas, these Rolls-Royces are no figment of the imagination. The EJ200 Rolls-Royce engines are to he fitted inside the Eurofighter, a flying machine of an exquisite sophistication Squadron Leader Biggles could only dream of. Totally carefree handling," according to its makers. The cockpit computer has a woman's voice which rises to an urgent timbre when the blip of an enemy appears on her radar. The weapons are voiceoperated and the pilot has only to look at his enemy to shoot him down. It needs only the tini-

est finger movement on the joystick. Oh hliss! The Prime Minister and the Defence Secretary, George Robertson, last week were pressing the Germans to put up theu share of the pocket money for this ultimate toy. The Germans have been dragging their heels since the prototypes flew last September at the Farnborough Air Show. The Germans, so much richer and bigger than us, are only buying 185 to our proud 232, and yet even they find paying out the money a hit difficult.

Last week, BBC radio news set the tone of reporting on this issue: "The Government has become alarmed at continual delays by Germany in approving its share of funding for production of the multi-national aircraft. Thousands of British johs depend on the project." No quizzical voice was heard - how many jobs? At a total cost of £15hn, the planes would create, according to the Ministry of Defence, some 14,000 jobs. That works out at nearly £1. Im per job - the most profligate job-creatinn scheme ever

Alarm bells should ring everywhere if this disingenuous appeal to the plane's job-creating potential is the best headline the Government can produce to sell it in the nation. Compare the by Polly Toynbee

Eurofighter's cost per joh with the Government's welfare to work plans the 250,000 young unem-ployed will cost £3hn to get into work, which is £12,000 per joh. If the Eurofighter money was spent on welfare-to-work, 1.25 million new jobs could he created.

The Government announced its promised defence review within days of coming into office. It is to be wide-ranging and free-thinking, we were told. It will ask fundamental, even existential ques-tions. Who are we? What is our role in the world? What do we want to he? What can we afford to be? Now the Cold War is over, what are we defending against whom? They need urgent answers. So why is the Government hastening to confirm its commitment to Eurofighter before deciding what it is for?

The plane has had a chequered history. It was designed as a fighter in the late 1970s in the days of East-West permafrost. But after the Wall came down, we didn't need a fighter anymore. Who were we likely to meet in the skies for whizzo Red Baron dogfights? (There was no aerial com-hat in the Gulf war or Bosnia). The design for the wings was then strengthened to take a greater pay-load so that the plane could double up as a bomber. On average, eight of them will crash a year in training, wasting £480m a year.

There are far cheaper planes to he bought off the shelf. Okay, so it would not put us in the *Top* Gun league - we'd be driving Mondeos, not Rolls-Royces. A shame, maybe. But what are these wars we plan to fight all on our own? And don't be bamboozled by talk of the Eurofighter keeping us in the hi-tech business. These days, the key hitech developments happen in the electronics industry and spin into the defence industry, not the other way round.

No, the real reason for our phenomenally high defence expenditure is to compete with the other boys. Forget enemies, the arms race now is with our friends - the French and the Americans. If we want to stay in their gang and "punch above our weight", we have in show that our conkers and knuckle-dusters are just as good as theirs. Otherwise, we would lose our seat on the UN Security Council. Now that seat may be nice to have, but what is it worth to us in hard cash? To keep it, Britain spends twice the European average no defence - 3.1 per cent of GNP. Germany spends 1.7 per cent.

We are huying hardware like shopaholics in Harrods - 386 new Challenger tanks and 64 EHIO1 hattle helicopters. At £22bn a year, we could halve the amount we spend and still put our fair share into European defence and peace-keeping duties. This isn't old pacifism, but new

It is doubtful that the British public has any idea what sacrifices they make for our defence status. After all, there are no politicians to make the case. The deafening silence that greeted George eerie. Is this the new politics or the dawn of the Prayda mentality? Did no one on the Labour backbenches wriggle with discomfort as they thought of the desolate housing estates back home, or some of their hlighted schools and hospitals?

This is what the public does not know. If we halved our defence spending and saved £11bn every year, that is a huge sum. According to the Institute for Fiscal Studies, it could increase education spending by 30 per cent - we could reduce class sizes to 20, obliterate illiteracy and transform prospects for children. It would add another 25 per cent to NHS spending - the equivalent of 10 years of annual growth in one go. These are the two areas that will suffer huge cuts in the next two years under current Treasury plans, so the people ought to know what defence is costing them.

Or we could double the transport hudget -swap the Rolls-Royces for deluxe public transport. We could increase the decimated capital expenditure budget by 60 per cent, restoring all the dereliction of the past 18 years. Or up the basic pension by a quarter. Think what could be done to get no-hope families on their feet and attack the roots of crime.

There are reasonable arguments in favour of our high defence status, but punching above our weight means paying beyond our means. Politi-cians have conspired to hide the true extent of that cost. Given the choice, would most people choose our UN seat or good schools, hospitals and publie transport? It may be too late to stop the Eurofighter, but the defence budget could still be slashed and redistributed without leaving us any more defenceless than the rest of our European allies. But where are the strong pro-Blair voices to make the case? They need to come not from the old disarmers, but the new economists.

ment supported controlled trade, especially if profits could be tied to community support in

areas where elephants cause damage to farms

ought conservation to end and wildlife utilisa-

tion begin. The efficiency and effectiveness of

the respective governments is also an issue. In

some places poaching has increased since the ban, especially where policing has slipped

because of budgetary constraints. There may be irritation as Zimbabwe muddies its good con-

servation case for a resumption of trade by

being cavalier in its control of ivory use.

Among the hot topics in Harare is where

So much for railing against privatisation

hen I was a young boy, growing up in the borders of North Wales and Cheshire, the village railway station was called Gresford, and there I used to spend many hours taking engine numbers and watching trains shuffle back and forth, taking coal from Gresford Colliery and passengers to Wrexham. Occasionally, bigger fry would pass through. Trains going as far as Wolverhampton. Trains marked "Pines Express" and going to somewhere called Bournemouth, though how

they got re-routed on to our line I could never quite see. Bluebells came every spring in the woods and lady's smock grew round the River Alyn. Happy days. When I left home and moved to London, my local railway station was Paddington, which had a better choice of trains but wasn't nearly so glamorous and had no burbling brook. After 25 years, I moved nut of London, and now my local

station is very much like Gresford used to be. Gresford has been closed, I believe, hut Freshford, near Bradford-on-Avon, is still very much open. Freshford is that rare thing among stations - a request stop (my friends seldom believe me when I tell them this), and you have to stick out your hand to make a train stop, or, if you are on the train and want to get off, alert the guard in good time.

Not every train stops at Freshford, of course. On Sundays, we quite often get re-routed Inter-City trains purring through. A friend of mine once put out his hand for one of these trains, thinking it was the local stopper. The driver thought so too, for a moment, and screeched to a halt just beyond the platform. whereupon the guard put his nead out of the window and shouted "We don't stop here!"

before the train moved on. Freshford has the same sort of valley setting that Gresford had. They have recently put in a new pedestrian bridge, which argues that they are planning to keep the station open. But the most extraordinary thing I have seen in the station recently -

on the front as "Lime Street". This was ridiculous, Lime Street is in Liverpool. Most trains expire when they get to Bristol and never go further than Cardiff. I got on the train (I was going to Newport) and sat down, only to hear the announcement: This is the Portsmouth

whose destination was stated



Miles Kington

service to Liverpool and Cardiff. The train will divide at Newport, where one half will go on to Cardiff and Cwmbran, while the other half will go to Liverpool Lime

Street, calling at ... There followed a litary of glorious border names such as Hereford, Ludlow, Church Stretion and Shrewsbury. followed by Crewe, Runcorn and Liverpool, I couldn't believe my ears. A train from Freshford, on the edge of Somerset, going direct to Liverpool - and going the scenic way, as well!

There was a man sitting opposite me, toying with a laptop. Across from him sat a hlonde woman reading The Hungry Tide by Valerie Wood the title of the book is not significant - I just put it in as colourful detail and to show how uselessly observant 1 am).

How far are you going?" he asked her. "Liverpool," she said,

suspiciously.
"Great!" he said. "The reason I asked is that I'm one of the managers of the company, and we've just introduced this service as one of a new series of through-trains we are going to have. I mean, we shall never get people out of their cars and back on trains if we don't give them the through-services they need, right?"

It was uncannily like watching a TV commercial. Bright, shiny railway man talking about new trains to blonde reading romantic novel, which she abandons, saying: "New through-services? Hey, tell me more, handsome!"

She didn't say it, this being conversation instead, and he talked with such shining faith in the expansion of railway services that I have started to wonder since if privatisation may not have its good side.

After all, I suppose Gresford would never have been there in the first place if it hadn't been for private enterprise.

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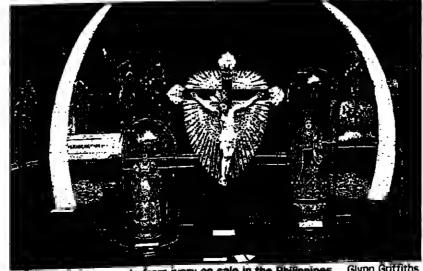
Is it time to unban the ivory trade? Nature and the Department of the Environ-

Vivid sculptures, many life-sized, of Christ crucified are available in Manila, their style marking the Hispanic overlay upon the Philippines. Their expense attests to the new wealth the global economy has brought this Asian country.
"The ivory is from Africa," says Henry

Babiera, who has had the sculptures carved in his house in a Manila suburb. "It has to pass through Libya by caravan and then to Malta and Frankfurt." He is hlandly indifferent to the widespread Western hostility to the use of ivory. It is not for him to care whether his material comes from those countries in the south of the continent that have had rapidly rising elephant populations for 20 years, from countries such as Mozamhique, Sudan and Uganda where the elephant has been under intense threat and remains so, or from Kenya and Tanzania where the elephant devastation of the 1970s and 1980s

is beginning to be repaired. Trade in ivory was banned in 1989 under Cites (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species). Its controls, and lack of them, will be the subject of an international ministerial meeting in Harare starting today. And the subject, too, of growing controversy. Those Manila sculptures attest to the fact

of continuing traffic in African ivory, which is why free marketeers such as the Institute of



Religious statuary made from ivory on sale in the Philippines Glynn Griffiths

permitted. In common with South Africa has to create incentives for commercial exploita-(which is not, however, this year giving its support to a return to trade), they have so many port to a formit to trace, they are regularly face. A decade ago, the World Wide Fund for

Economic Affairs (IEA) agree with Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia as they press yet again for controlled trade in ivory to be yet again for controlled trade in ivory to be resources. A recent IEA paper argued that Cites In Harare old arguments are going to resur-

It is probably fair to say that hard evidence is lacking about the effects of the ban, for better or worse. Tony Fitzjohn, of the George Adamson Wildlife Preservation Trust, helps run a wildlife reserve in Tanzania, and is close to the government, which opposes the resumption of trade.

and farmers.

Stressing the value of live elephants to the tourism trade, he says, "I know the world is run by trade, not by bunny-huggers. But we're asking for a breather at least until we've got decent elephant populations and sophisticated controls

Richard D North

Golden Age of the "B" movie, those quickly shot, low-budget called the Order of the Flamfilms which played the bottom half of the programme but de-veloped a style and reputation all their own. The director John Rawlins was a prime exponent of that style, being a master of swift exposition and fast action. His no-nonsense approach also made him a fine serial director, and when given the chance of a top-hudget adventure film he gave his studio one of its higgest hits in Arabian Nights, the film which established the exotic beauty (and now cult figure) Maria Montez

Born in Long Beach, Cali-fornia, in 1902, Rawlins entered films during the silent era as a stuntman and bit player in action films and serials. With the coming of sound, he wrote gags for screen comedies, then was signed by Columbia as an edi-tor. In 1933 he made his directing déhut with two shorts, Sign Please and They're Off!, but he did not direct his first feature until 1938, when put under contract by Universal. State Police, a lively thriller set in a mining town, instantly established his forte – quickly made, inex-pensive "B" movies of around 60 minutes' running time, dis-tinguished by fast pacing and non-stop action.

Air Devils (1938), about two ex-Marines who became flying policeman, was in similar vein. and The Missing Guest (1938) proved him adept at a haunted house thriller replete with sliding panels, secret passages and self-playing pianos.

Serials were still a staple part of screen fare, and Universal teamed Rawlins with the prolific serial director Ford Beebe on *The Green Homet* Strikes Again (1940, with War-ren Hull as the masked avenger delivering justice to a gang in-filtrating city industries), Junior G-Men (1940), Sea Raiders (1941) and Overland Mail (1942), starring Lon Chaney Jnr as its cowboy hero. Junior G-Men and Sea Raiders both starred the Dead End Kids led by Billy Halop and Huntz Hall in the former the boys join

The 1940s are considered the forces with the FBI to capture ing Torch while in Sea Raiders they pursue a mysterious traitor who has been sinking Allied

ships.
The Leather Pushers (1940) was the first of five popular thrillers Rawlins directed featuring the team of Richard Arlen and Andy Devine as trouble-shooters, and Six Lessons from Madame La Zon-ga (1941) a rare excursion into musical comedy (the title was that of a 1940 song hit popularised by Jimmy Dorsey and sung in the film by Mexican Spitfire" Lupe Velez).

Universal then upgraded

Rawlins to a more prestigious "B". The Great Impersonation, a 70-minute spy drama starring Ralph Bellamy in the dual role of an Englishman and a German spy who impersonates him. The female lead was taken by the studio's prime "Bmovie" heroine Evelyn Ankers, who told the writer Doug Mc-Clelland about the lack of preparation typical of such films. "I was called on to the set and

Mr Bellamy was already there. He was one of my idols but I'd never met him. The director, who I had also never met, said, 'Hi, are you ready to shoot?' I replied, You must be Mr Rawlins.' I was anxious to rehearse as I had to lean over and kiss Bellamy in a vampy, Mata Hari style. Suddenly I heard, 'OK - action!' There was deathly silence as Ralph and I sat looking at each other with our mouths open . . . we hadn't even heen informed where the director wanted to start and fin-

"Mr Rawlins finally yelled 'Cut!' and asked us what the problem was. I managed to stutter, First, I would like to meet my leading man, as I have never kissed a man without being introduced to him. Second. it would help us both if we knew where you wanted to start and end the scene . . . "
Rawlins worked with Ankers

again on his next film, Sherlock Holmes and the Voice of Terror (1942), the first of the series that



Jon Had and Maria Montez in Rawlins's lavish Arabian Nights (1942)

the studio made with Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce as Holmes and Watson. Based on Doyle's story "His Last Bow", the updated tale had Holmes tracking down the Nazi perpetrator of propagandist hroad-casts - the film started production wth the grandiose working title Sherlock Homes Saves London. After these two important

"B" movies, the studio gave Rawlins his higgest project yet, their first film made in 3strip Technicolor, Arabian Nights. Lavishly produced by Walter Wanger using top crafts-men, it was gorgeously pho-tographed by Milton Krasner, opulently set and costumed (the vivid camerawork dazzling the eye with golden sands, ultra-hlue skies and the shimmering silks worn by Montez, the heroine, and the palace handmaidens), and vigorously

on non-stop excitement by Rawlins.

A tremendous success, it inaugurated a series of exotic adventures starring the team of Montez, Jon Hall, Sabu and Turhan Bey. Montez, dubbed "Queen of Technicolor", said of herself at the time, "When I look at myself in Arabian Nights, I am so beautiful I scream with

(Montez became so obsessed with her appearance that her fatal heart attack in 1951 was attributed to the effects of the hot bath she was taking in an effort to slim.)

Rawlins made another film with the same star team, Sudan (1945), but by then the formula was wearing thin, and even a change of locale to ancient Egypt and the director's trademark pacing could not prevent the result seeming tired. Between the two Montez vehicles Rawlins made two war films.

who deploys a mysterious gas that temporarily freezes We've Never Been Licked (1943), which a military school student professes sympathy for the Japanese in order to infil-Rawlins's subsequent movies trate their ranks, and Ladies Courageous (1944), a tribute to

were minor but usually above average, notably The Arizona Ranger (1948), a western with some trenchant observations about the readjustment of men returning from war, and another western, Fort Defiance (1951), which explores the developing relationships among a group of settlers preparing for Indian attacks.

Rawlins directed a few television shows in the Fifties, hut after his last film Lost Lagoon in 1958 he left the film business to pursue a highly successful career as a property

Tom Vallance

John Rawlins, film director: born Long Beach, California 9 June 1902; married (two sons); died 20 May 1997.

Marion Welchman

Marion Welchman has been called the "needle and thread" of the dyslexia world, weaving an ever-widening network of teaching and information.

She was born Marioo Eves in 1915, in Peoarth, South Wales. After school in Penarth, she studied nursing at Cardiff Royal Infirmary and for the next 17 years nursing was her career. ending in Occupational Health in the Westinghouse Co in Chippenham during the Second World War. There she met her husband to be, an engineer, Dennis Welchman. They were married in 1943 and had three children, two girls, and a boy.

Howard, the youngest, was a bright boy who had incredible difficulties in learning at school. It was Marion Welchman's search for help for Howard that led her to dyslexia, and what was to become a lifelong interest. Her early contacts were with the Invalid Children's Aid As-

sociation and their Word Blind Project in the early 1900s. Through them Welchman made contact with the Orton Dyslexia Society in the United States. who put her in touch with Agnes Wollf as a teacher for her son. This was such a success that Welchman decided to spread her knowledge and invited Sally Childs, a teacher who had worked with the Gillingham. Stillman teaching programme of multisensory teaching in the US. to run a training course for teachers in Bath.

It was Welchman's drive and determination that raised the money to set this up and the first course was held in 1969, with 13 state teachers and 10 from in-dependent schools taking part. The demand for places was so great that the course was repeated for the next four years.

Having begun to get the teachers organised, Welchman turned her attention to the parents. By 1970 she had travelled the country talking to parents and setting up local associations of parents and teachers, the first being in Bath in 1966. The need for a national organisation was becoming urgent and, with Welchman's encouragement, eight local associations handed together to form the British Dyslexia Association in 1972. Twenty-five years later, the BDA has 100 local associations

and over 75 corporate members. Welchman's influence since these early days has been immense. She was a wonderful

communicator, interested in people and weaving them into her world-wide web of contacts. Tall and elegant, she made an impressive amhassadot. Wherever she visited she made friends, offered support and picked brains.

Smaller co

After the death of her husband in 1984 she travelled wideh and her personal contacts led to activity in places as far apart as South Africa, where a trust bears her name, and Singapore, where she was invited to the first meeting of the Singapore Dyslexia Association. When ill-health prevented her travelling, she maintained and made new contacts with parents and teachers in Nigeria and India and she eagerly supported the foundation of the European Dyslexia Association. She was delighted to be the first overseas recipient of the International Leadership Award of the Orton Dyslexia Society and very proud to be appointed MBE in 1992.

Her conviction that dyslexia has no boundaries led to her involvement in the setting up of the World Dyslexia Network Foundation in 1995 (her 80th year) and her dream of a truly international dyslexia family drew a step closer with the launch of the WDNF's first project - the Dyslexia Research Website to coincide with the 1896-1996 "100 Years of Dyslexia" campaign in November last

The BDA's 4th International Conference, held last month in York, and attracting over 600 delegates, was the first she had not been able to attend but a concert in her honour enabled the BDA to show their appreciation of this "mother from Bath who thought she could do

something Marion Welchman's world was not limited to dyslexia. She was a very talented dressmaker in her "spare" time and many of her friends were recipients of her verses to mark special events. She was able to infect her friends with her enjoyment of life, even when they found themselves committed to a course of action they hadn't previously considered.

Marion Eves, charity adminismulor, born Penanh & June 1915; MBE 1992; married 1943 Dennis Welchman (died 1984; one son, two daughters); died Hatch End. Middlesex 19 April 1997.

Geoff Pack

Geoff Pack was one of the Wharram catamaran called Formost influential figures in the eigner. A feature of the boat's world of yacht cruising. A larger-than-life character, phys- together with rope. In midically and intellectually, he Atlantic the ropes began to fail worked for the magazine Yachting Monthly in various capacities for 19 years (as editor from 1992 until his death) yet also managed to fit in three transatlantic cruises, the last with his wife and three children under five.

He learned his sailing on the Sussex coast on his parents' Iroquois catamaran, and cut his own cruising teeth as a teenager, undertaking hair-raising passages in an elderly and heavy dinghy, camping overnight

under a canvas awning.

He first applied for a job on Yachting Monthly in 1978, aged 19, but the then editor, Des Sleightholme, turned him down -"to my everlasting shame". A second opportunity arose soon after and he joined as a trainee. No sooner was he on the strength than he was planning his first Atlantic crossing with his new wife, Lou Lou. They set out in 1980 in a frail-lonking 30ft

design was cross-beams lashed and the boat started to hreak up. Showing characteristic quickthinking and inventiveness. Pack partially rebuilt the boat while under way and successfully completed the voyage.

Faced with the need to earn a living, he talked his way into a joh as a charter skipper. He and Lou Lou became one of the most popular teams in the Caribbean and Geoff quickly rose to be the senior skipper at Stevens Yachts, the secondlargest charter company in the Caribbean at the time, at the

remarkably young age of 24. A year later, though, determined to cruise the West Indies in his own boat, he returned to the UK to fit out a more suitable yacht. He chose the Rival 34 Euge and set off for the second time in 1983. The voyage which followed became a classic of its kind and Pack wrote the book Blue Water Countdown

water gypsy.
During this time he had been

contributing many freelance articles to Yachting Monthly and on his return in 1985 he was ofprojects editor, later rising to he assistant editor. For five distinguished years he wrote many influential articles and built up a unique network of contacts at home and ahroad. Among his major achievements was his successful campaign against marina over-charging.

But the lure of the open

oceans was too deeply in his blood to keep him shore-based for long. He began refitting a 40ft Apache catamaran, to reflect his cruising philosophy that technological simplicity and detailed planning are the best protections in deep waters. He had planned a circumnavigation over five years but got no further than Trinidad when a

(1992, first published in 1988 as telephone call brought him Ocean Cruising Countdown), back to Yachting Monthly in based on his experiences. It has 1992 as the magazine's sixth ed-test reports with Geoff Pack. We become essential reading for all itor. He said the decision to re- were known throughout the inturn was not an easy one but "it was an offer 1 simply could not turn down".

He stamped his own personality on the magazine, with an on-the-water practicality and fered a joh as the magazine's authority. His editorials reflected his deep insights into the world of the off-shore cruiser and also his sense of humour. One month he would fulminate against liferaft service agents, the next he would recall practising sailing manoeuvres while floating on his back in a local swimming pool - those who knew his physique will appreciate the image.

Despite his reputation as a blue-water yachtsman and journalist. Pack was equally happy pottering in small boats and dinghies with his children. In addition to Kiskadee, his offshore cruising yacht, he also owned a 22ft weekender in which he had his home waters of the Solent.

1 spent several years producing the magazine's boatdustry as "the heavyweight team". This was partly a comment on our combined avoirdupois hut also a tribute to Pack's remarkable knowledge and understanding of what made boats good or bad. He was one of the hest-read yachting writers I knew, with an encyclopaedic knowledge of yachts,

the women who ferried war

planes for the US air force, star-

ring Loretta Young, Hampered

by a dull, soap-opera script, Rawlins's direction lacked its

customary vigour, and after the failure of Sudan he was returned

to "B" movies and in 1947 decided to freelance.

nal two films in a four-film

earlier background in serials

enabling him to give the films

the requisite comic-strip ambi-

ence. Dick Tracy's Dilemma

(1947) had the detective pur-

suing "The Claw", a villain with a steel claw in place of a

hand, and Dick Tracy Meets

Gruesome (1947) featured Boris

Karloff as a splendid villain

Dick Tracy series, Rawlins's

At RKO, he directed the fi-

yachtsmen and the sea. Geoff Pack was diagnosed as suffering from lymph cancer in October last year. He tried hard to remain active right to the end. His last sail was 10 days hefore his death and his last piece of writing will appear in the July issue of Yachting Monthly.

James Jermain

Geoffrey Gerald Pack, vachstman and journalist born Brighton, East Sussex 16 March 1958; married 1977 Louise Birch (two many undignified adventures in sons, two daughters); dicd Winchester 28 May 1997.



James Thin

James Thin's catalogues seemed to have a puzzling and arbitrary number of pence following the number of pounds. writes D. Ienan Lloyd [further o the obituary by Tam Daiyell. 5 June].

For example, books could be priced at £3.15, £7.35, £12.60, l discovered the reason for this was his quirky but delightful desire to continue to price books in guincas and then to decimalise the resulting

J. Anthony Lukas, journalist, died New York 5 June aged 64. Winner of two Pulitzer Prizes: books include Common Ground: a nutrulent decade in the lives of three American families

Magda Gabor, actress, died Rancho Mirage, California 6 June aged 78. Sister of Zsa Zsa and Eva. hut enjoyed a briefer acting career.

Elize Botha, died 6 June aged 75. Wife of the former South African President P.W. Botha.

Births, Marriages & Deaths

BIRTHS

THOMPSON / GILLIE: Th Jan Thompson and Oliver Gillie, a son, Sholto Douglas Gillie, on 19 April 1997, a brother for Calder. DEATHS

TURNER: Terry, died peacefully on 5
June 1997, aged 64. Much-loved hosband of Susie, father of Frances, Charlotte and Penny and grandfather of
Anna and Emily. Funeral service al Road, Ruislip, 11am, on Friday 1.

IN MEMORIAM

WERNHER: Lady Theodorn Anna Wernher (née Romanov), born 1901 Petrograd. Russia, died Northampton 1974. Innocent victim of evil. Her daughter, Alexandra.

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Birthdays Mr Tony Britton, actor, 73; Mr Edgar

Evans, tenor, 85; Mr Michael Fox, actor, 36; Professor Geraint Gruffydd, 69; Mr Jeremy Hardie, chairman, W.H. Smith, 59; Sir Peter Heatly, former chairman, Communwealth Games Federation, 73; Mr Douglas Henderson MP, Minister for Europe,

mer Editor, Daily Express, 55; Mr Robert McNamara, former US Secretary of Defense, 81; Mr Michael Maies MP. 63; General Sir Geoffrey Musson, former Adjutant-General, 87; Mrs June O'Dell, director, Aylesbury Vale Community Healthcare NHS Trust, 68; Mr Charles Saatchi, advertising executive, 54; Mr Peter Sanders, former chief executive, Commission for Racial Equality, 59; Sir Douglas Smith, former chairman, Acas, 65; Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick

Symons, former Supreme Allied

Commander Atlantic's Representative

in Europe, 64; Mr David Troughton,

actor, 47; Mr Peter Wilson, chairman and chief executive, Gallaber, 56.

former Director, University of Wales Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies Centre, Aberystwyth, 48; Mr Derek Hunt, chairman, MFI
Furniture Group, 58; Sir Roger
Hurn, chairman, Smiths Industries,
59; Miss Sheila Keith, actress, 77; Mr
Peter Kilfoyle MP. Parliamentary
Under-Secretary, Office of Public
Services, 51; Sir Nicholas Lloyd, former Editor, Deith Femans, 55; Mr

Anniversaries

Births: Peter the Great, Tsar of Russia, 1672; George Stephenson, lo-comotive designer, 1781; Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, physician, 1836; Walter Weedon Gros an and author, 1853; Sir Henry Hallen Dale, neurophysiologist, 1875; Cole Albert Porter, composer and lyricist, 1893. Deaths: Jan van Eyck, inter, buried 1441; Charles John Huffham Dickens, novelist, 1870; William Maxwell Aitken, first Baron Beaverbrook, newspaper proprietor, 1964; Dame Sybil Thorndike, actress, 1976. On this day: the first Book of Common Prayer was issued to all dio-ceses in the Church of England, 1549; the London Symphony Orchestra gave its first concert, 1904; the proceedings of the House of Commons were broadcast live for the first time, 1975. Today is the Feast Day of St Columba of tona, St Ephraem, St Pelagia of Antioch, Saints Primus and Felician, St Richard of Andria and St Vincent of Agen.

Lectures

National Gallery: Angelica Goodden, "Elizabeth Louise Vigée Le Brun and England", 1pm.

Victoria and Albert Museum: Susan Barron, "Labyrinth of Time: Susan

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Dulte of Edichurch, Patrum, Association for Science Education, attends a reception for Young Entrepreheurs at S. James is Palaco. The Prince of Wales, Dulte of Cornwall, who the Rocal National Lifeboat Institution at Rock, Coursell The Dulte of York opens the new European headquarters of LSI Logar Lumited at Greenwood House, Bracknett, Berkshire: The Princess Royal opens the new campus of Nature University. Ed.

Barron's 11-volume book".

Changing of the Guard

The following notes of judgments were prepared by the re-

porters of the All England Law Reports. Tax Henwood (Inspector of Taxes) v

Clarke; Ch D (Ferris J) 6 May 1997. There was a 50 per cent uplift in the cash equivalent of the taxable henefit to an employee where a car was made available to him for private use, and not more than 2,500 business miles" were driven in a tax year. The uplift applied to each car separately if the car was replaced with a different one during the year, not to the total number of business miles travelled.

Timothy Brennan (Inland Revenue Solicitor) for the Crown; the taxpayer did

Watton (Inspector of Taxes) ▼ Tippett; CA (Simon Brown L.J. Peter Gibson L.J. Sir Iain Glidewell) 22 May 1997. Rollover relief for replacement of husiness assets under s 115 of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979 was claimed in respect of a gain realised on the disposal of part of a single business asset (the old asset) and the apportioned cost of the retained part of the asset (the new asset). Although it was not necessary that the sale of

set were acquired as a single

Richard Bramwell QC (Harfield Pickering. Redditch) for the taxpayer. Launcelot Henderson QC (Inland Revenue Solicitor) for the Crown.

Practice

Abraham & anr v Thompson & ors; Ch D (Lloyd J) 12 May 1997. There were circumstances, including hut not limited to champerty, in which the court might stay a plaintiff's action hecause of the way it was

being financed. Michael Bloch (D.I. Freeman) for the fifth and sixth defendants; Kenneth MacLean (Clifford Chance) for the first plaintiff.

Extradition

R v Bow Street Magistrates' Court, ex parte Allison; QaD Div Ct (Pill L.J. Astill J: 13 May 1997.

A magistrate, on an application by the US Government for the issue of a provisional warrant under para 5(1)(h) of Sch 1 to the Extradition Act 1989. had to determine whether a case was "urgent" within the meaning of that word in art VIII(1) of the United States of America (Extradition) Order the old asset should precede the 1976. The magistrate was not acquisition of the new asset, required to investigate the the relief would not apply if factual hackground which the old asset and the new as- gave rise to the urgency, but Dand Wolfe (David Levenc & Cot for

9 June 1997 only to judge the facts as they

CASE SUMMARIES

xisted at the time the warrant was applied for. There was no justification for excluding from the category of urgent cases those where the urgency would not have arisen had the requested state taken action

sooner. Alun Jones QC, Helen Malcolm (Burton Copeland) for the applicant; James Lewis (CPS) for the respondents.

Education

Crane & anr v Lancashire County Council: Qan Crown Office List | Popplewell Ji 12 May 1997. A Special Educational Needs

Tribunal, when deciding whether a child should be educated at a mainstream school in order to receive the educational provision which his learning difficulty called for, or special school nominated by the local education authority, had no need, for the purposes of s 160(2)(a) of the Education Act 1993, to consider the presumption in favour of mainstream schools or parental choice. However, when considering whether a mainstream school would be compatible with the efficient use of resources under s 160(2)[c), parental preference had to be balanced against cost.

the appellants; Rabinder Stugli (Comcil Solicitari for the respondents.

Customs & Excise v The Kilroy Television Co Ltd: QAD Crown Office List Carawath Ji 19 May 1997.

Where a television company provided a huffet meal free to participants in a television programme and the meal was the only recompense they received for that participation, input tax could be credited on the supply of the meal as it had been provided in pursuance of a contractual obligation, and was not business entertainment within the meaning of Arr 5 of the Value Added Tax

(Input Tax) Order 1992. Alison Foster (Customs & Excise Solicitor) for the appellants: David Engar imans) for the respondent

Local government R v London Borough of Newhom, ex p Gorenkin: QBD Crown Office Livi

(Carawath J) 13 May 1997. The duty to provide care and attention under s 21 of the National Assistance Act 1948 only arose where persons were in need of accommodation. It was not, therefore, possible for the local authority to provide food vouchers to a political asylum secker who had accommodation but was otherwise destitute.

Stephen Knaffer (Clore & Co) for the applicant. Kelvin Rittledge (Council Solicitor) for the respondent.

Contempt Re Stevens and Holness; QBD Div Ct Pill L.L. Astill J. 21 May 1997.

Where there were allegations of interference with a prosecution witness, a Crown Court judge had no power to remand an alleged contemnor in custridy before a contempt had been proved. If a judge wished to make sure that an alleged contemnor was not at liberty for the rest of the trial he had either to adjourn the trial to deal with the summary trial of the contempt himself, or refer the matter to another judge. He could not remand the alleged contemnor in custody to await the decision of the Attorney General.

Colui Huichison (Tyndallwoods, Rirm ingham) for the applicants; Philip Bown (CPS) for the respondent.

Adoption

Re W (adoption; bon FD (Singer J) 10 Apr 1997. There was nothing in the Adoption Act 1976 to prevent the making of an adoption order in favour of a single person who was living with another

relationship. Jeremy Posnansky QC. Roger Bickerdike for the mother, Sally Cahill for the local authority; Joanna Trythall,

solicitor for the guardian ad litem.

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Smaller companies group presses for a three-tier market

The campaign for a new-look stock market is gathering market terms the requirements of, say, Glaxo Wellcome, differ which represents companies outside the Footsie and the FTSE 250 indexes, may not be particularly powerful or well known but it can claim to have nudged the Stock Exchange into creating AIM, by general

consect an outstanding success.

Now it is prodding the Exchange again, this time suggesting it should act on proposals formulated five years

The idea is a three-tier market. Companies in Footsic and the FTSE 250 index should be grouped together in a sort of Premiership; the rest of the fully listed herd should become what would amount to a Nationwide League and, 10 maintain the football analogy. AIM and Seat shares would create a Vauxhall Conference

dramatically from AIM-listed Stanford Rouk, even if they are

both drug companies. Of course, the needs of institutional investors and private investors are also vastly different and the same argument can and should be made for introducing systems in accommodate their respective needs.

Whether a two-tier market for hig and small investors will ever emerge is far from clear, but the Cisco initiative for market segmentation may make headway. After all, the Exchange came out in favour of the idea in 1992 and despite five years' inertia remains committed to the muhi-market formula. John Kemp-Welch, the Cazenove man who is Exchange chairman, drew atteo-

"One size", said Mr Kemp-Welch, "does not fit all," and Ratic Morris, Cisco's chief executive, has raised the possibility of companies deserting London for Nasdaq, the

American market, or the fledgling Easdag European market. Obviously, the days when an aspiring domestic company only thought in terms of a home-grown quote are long gone. Paris and Frankfurt are still small and insignificant share markets, hut they are making strenuous efforts in increase their appeal. And Nasdaq and Easdaq have already enjoyed some success in attracting companies which would normally settle for Loodon.

A variety of arguments for segmentation, including differing tax needs, can be produced. But it is internationalisation which could bring things to a



STOCK MARKET WEEK

DEREK PAIN

Stock market reporter of the year

ternational market, the Exchange may oeed to increase regulation - quarterly reporting, international accounting standards - and respond to the



heavy influence of US investment houses in areas such as corporate governance. To focus on defending the market in leading stocks without paying due care and attention to the needs of smaller, developing

companies is myopic."
It adds: "Smaller companies are important to the economy, making a significant contribution to ecocomic growth and wealth creation. A vibrant market requires a supply of companies willing to submit themselves to rigorous transparency and regulatory rules, therefore being suitable

Cisco could well draw an uncomfortable comparison from the way small investors have been treated in the rush to accommodate the demands of the

large investment houses. Last week, shares seemed mesmerised by New York. So it was appropriate that Legal & General's investment team had a rethink about Wall Street. It believes New York is overvalued and suggests it will remain so in the longer term although

a correction could be near.

If L&G is right, yet another part of the argument for a soar-away Footsie remains in place. Forecasts for Footsie to hit 5,000 in a year's time are commooplace: some suggest it could be approaching 8,000 by the millennium.

Turning to this week,

getting the vast majority of will have been cohanced by a quoted companies. £3.9bn Forte takeover.

The figures, however, will not be the main market interest. Investors remains fixated by the timing of asset sales, mainly former Forte

Still for sale are nine upmarket hotels, the Savoy Hotel stake and the computer maintenance side. Other hits and pieces are also on the block There must be a strong probability that Granada will announce at least one disposal

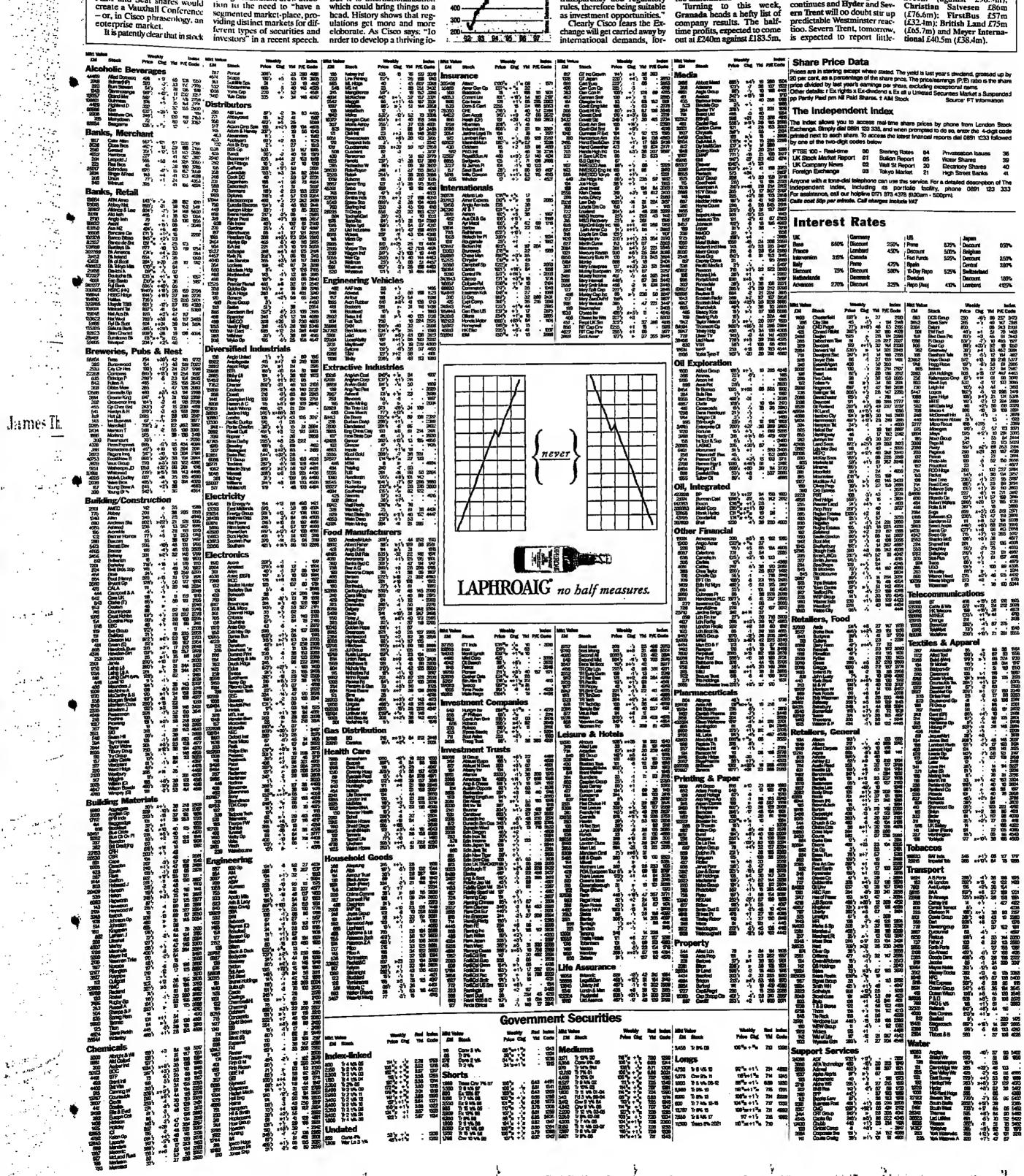
with its figures on Wednesday, Today BAA, the airports group, lands with year's results around £440m up from £403m is expected before allowing for a £40m hit over the Terminal Five saga.

The water reporting season continues and Hyder and Several Property of the Prop

changed profits of £372m, but its strong balance sheet could tempt a substantial dividend increase. Hyder, the Welsh electricity and water combine, will also have divideod growth in mind today, with profits some 28 per cent higher at £215m. Nat West Securities suspects Severn will increase its dividend by 11 per cent and Hyder by 14

Dairy groups Unigate and Northern Foods are unlikely to offer much in the way of profits cream. In a year of reshaping, Unigate is forecast to be off some £15m at £110m wheo it reports today and Northern Foods, tomorrow, should be

marginally higher at £128m. Among others on the results list are Electrocomponeots. which is expected to produce £110m (against £98.9m); Christian Satvesen £80m



business & city BUSINESS & CITY EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER

Centrica puts gas meter business up for sale

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent**

The business responsible for a million coin and electronic prepayment gas meters across the country has been put up for sale hy Centrica, the demerged British Gas supply operation, in a move which will raise further doubts about the costs of supplying low-income customers as domestic energy competition

Centrica's main supply arm, has recently invited offers to buy or run the pre-payment meter operation through a notice in the European Commission's official journal, though the likely price of any deal is being kept commercially confidential. The business, called Quantum after the electronic smartcard meters which are progressively replacing the traditional coinoperated variety, was inherited by Centrica when the old British

is based in Newcastle and employs around 150 staff, mostly carrying out "back office" tasks. with many employed on shortterm contracts. Quantum, which remains a monopoly used by rival independent suppliers as well as BGT, runs around a million pre-payment meters, though according to the Gas Consumers' Council (GCC) only about 900,000 are in use at

a joint venture with Group 4, the security group, to offload its main bousehold meter reading business, AccuRead.

BGT confirmed it was examining selling or outsourcing the Quantum office. A spokesman said: "BGT is looking at how this operation will run in the future, including a possibility of this service being provided outside British Gas. Investigations any time. The decision to hive into a number of options are at off the division follows the esan early stage and the tender-additional costs of up to £80. off the division follows the es- an early stage and the tender-

The central Quantum office tablishment earlier by BGT of ing process is only part of that ongoing investigation."

The sale comes at a sensitive time for the industry, as the Government has instructed Ofgas, the regulatory watchdog, to review differences in charges for pre-payment customers in competition trials under way in the South of England. The GCC has heen increasingly concerned at the apparent reluctance of some independents to supply pre-

Sue Slipman, director of the impose a levy on suppliers who GCC, warned that British Gas would have to invest up to £1m in improving the system before selling it off.

"If they want to sell it, they've got to spend money on it first. The issue is about how you get the investment in the system, especially if the Government stops suppliers from cherry-picking more affluent customers. It's a problem for the industry as a whole," said Ms Slipman.

had not taken on a proportion of pre-payment customers.

of pre-payment customers.

John Battle, the Industry Minister, warned last week that "unbundling" costs in the industry should not make the poorest customers worse off, warning of the dangers of "fuel poverty". In one case the GCC found an independent gas supplier was charging 34 per cent more to supply pre-payment meter customers than those on direct debit. direct debit.

Railtrack heads for new pay storm

Clifford German

Railtrack looked set to sail into a new controversy yesterday after it emerged that it planned to press ahead with long-term to press anean with long-term bonus schemes which could reward directors and top man-agers with free shares worth in excess of £2m two years from now, without seeking share-

holder approval.

The news comes just days the rail group faced fierce criticism from John Prescott, the Environment and Transport Secretary, over the announcement of a 27 per cent rise in annual profits to £346m, and the bonus is likely to reignite the row over executive pay in the wake of the dispute between the Heritage Secretary Chris Smith and the directors of Camelot, the operators of the National Lottery.

Railtrack has rejected pres-sure from Pirc, the Pensions and Investments Research Consultants, to comply with the recommendations of the Greenhury Committee report in 1995 and seek fresh shareholder. approval. The company argues that approval had been obtained before 1 May last year. while the government was the sole shareholder, and the requirements of the Greenbury report have therefore been met.

The long-term bonuses are not due to be paid until 1999. But they are linked to annual bonuses payable over the next three years which allow directors to pay half their annual cash bonuses into a trust which invests the proceeds in shares. The bonuses cannot exceed 40 per cent of hasic salaries. After three years the directors could he entitled to five times the value of funds in the trust.

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The exact value would be influenced by the performance of the shares, and also by extra pay-ments approved by the railways regulator to reward reduced delays in railway services. The Department of Transport said yesterday Railtrack bad already been awarded an extra £72m for

reducing train delays.

The Department of Transport confirmed yesierday that approval for the bonus schemes three cable companies with By September the separate brand names will bave disappeared in an operation which it bad been ontained before priknows must not confuse the vatisation and had been mentioned in the flotation prospectus.

merges. British Gas Trading (BGT), Gas split itself into two. C&W set for key role in China's £6bn float

Magnus Grimond and Chris Godsmark

Cable & Wireless, the international telecommunications group, could become the lead corporate investor in the first Chinese telecoms group to open its doors to foreign capi-tal after a Hong Kong flotation which is expected to value it at

Goldman Sachs, the US investment bank, is said to be working on plans for the stock market launch of China Telecom Hong Kong, which is to be-come the main vehicle by which China Telecom, the state operator, raises outside capital for

Such a move would represent an early payback for Dick Brown, C&W chief executive, following Friday's £726m deal to sell a stake in the group's Hongkong Telecom subsidiary to China Telecom, when it was also promised a place as prin-cipal foreign investor in CTHK

at some stage in the future.
It could also prove the catalyst for Mr Brown to realise his long-cherished aim of gaining membership of Global One,

Faced with the prospect of having a needle jabbed into their private parts,

most men would politely decline, hut

until recently such an injection has

been the most effective way to cure

Then Vivus, a US drug delivery com-

pany, found an alternative - packag-

ing the same drug into pellets to be

delicately inserted into the urethra -

and took half the \$60m world market

The next improvement could come from PowderJect, which will float on

the London stock market this month

and has a pain-free, needle-less in-

jectiun. "If all men suffering from im-

putence had treatment, this would be

a \$500m market," says Paul Drayson. PowderJect's chairman.

a drug is given can matter at least as much

as what it does. This is the premise be-

hind the drug delivery industry. The sec-

tor has come from nowhere 10 years ago,

to capture a \$12bn slice of the \$150bn

world-wide pharmaceutical market.

Moreover drug delivery is growing fast

- at 15-20 per cent a year, twice as fast

as the wider drugs market.

The product that put drug delivery on the map was a heart pill called Procardia XL. The first version of Pro-

cardia, sold by Pfizer, had to be swal-

lowed three times a day, restricting

sales to \$400m a year, and in 1989 was

about to lose its patent.

As this example shows starkly, the way

male impotence.

in four months.

the rival international telecoms network to BT and MCI's Concert alliance, which includes his former employer, the US group Sprint.
Entry by C&W up to now has

been blocked by Deutsche Telecom and France Telecom, which have argued that the British group has nothing to hring to the party. The possibility that it will be the first foreign group to demonstrate a significant presence in the world's most populous country may also pave the way for links with Nippon Telephone & Telegraph, the giant languages greeners which has Japanese operator, which has been courted by all the main interoational telephone groups, Signs that Friday's China Tele-

com deal is already thawing relations with Peking came yesterday in suggestions from Hong Kong yesterday that C&W was set to revive talks over the construction of a mobile phone network for the Chinese capital. The company is already working on a fibre-optic link between Peking and Hong Kong, which is set to transfer from British to Chinese control next month.

issue yet of any company with links to mainland China. The

and give foreign investors access to Chinese telecoms developments. Cable & Wireless will be the lead corporate investor in a unique position as the only non-Chinese telecoms investor in China Telecom Hong Kong

Among the many companies working in this area, Cortecs is developing pliance are central to the delivery sec-

According to C&W that market is growing at the rate of the equivalent of one British Telecom every 15 months.

Friday's deal involved C&W com to China Telecom, with plans to reduce it in stages to

this would not be the last announcement on the deal. This establishes the platform for news to come later. It won't come in the weeks ahead, but certainly in the months ahead. There is much to be done and that's in the interests of both of us."

IN BRIEF

which it has been merged.

The board of Abbey National rejected the idea of discussing a £25bn merger with National Westminster Bank on the grounds that Abbey would be handed the unwelcome task of integrating the retail banking divisions and taking responsibility for widespread branch closures, redundancies and customer dissatisfaction. NatWest would meanwhile have the more glamorous task of creating an in-ternational mega-bank, which City wags christened Westminster

Chief executive Peter Birch believes there is no advantage for Abbey to pick up the problems and incur the immense unpopularity for the few hundred million pounds the integration could save. Abbey National's future was more likely to lie in further growth, diversification and acquisitions, a spokesman said yesterday. Its stated aim is to derive 50 per cent of its profit from non-traditional activities by the year 2000. The figure is already 40 per cent.

Granada dampens expectations of YTT bid

A report that Granada was lining up an imminent hid worth over £600m for fellow north of England ITV group Yorkshire-Tyne Tees was being played down by both sides yesterday. Granada, which is forecast to announce a 31 per cent rise in annual profits to £240m on Wednesday, is thought to have worked out a takeover plan-with Yorkshire, but nothing immediate is expected to come of it... Any move this week would come as a surprise to Ward Thomas, as the Yorkshire chairman is not due back from a holiday in the south of France until Thursday.

Separately, Granada confirmed that it had agreed a £45m deal to sell Brown's Hotel in London's West End to Raffles Holdings, owner of the eponymous luxury hotel in Singapore. Brown's acquired by Granada after the Forte takeover, has during its 160year life played host to Haile Selassie, Napoleon III and Theodore Roosevelt's last night as a bachelor.

Work starts on Tunnel Rail Link

Engineering work on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link has begun, the developer, London & Continental Railways said yesterday. Five tunnelling contracts tugether wurth £800m on the 108km high-speed link have also been put out for tender, and the first bid, worth £300m, has already heen received. The first contract (c) should be awarded by late summer.

Computer specialist plans float

ATT, a specialist provider of computer systems for the financial services sector, plans to float this summer. It is expected to self-off 40-50 per cent of its shares by way of a placing through broken Greig Middleton, to raise £10m. of which about £2m will be now money. The company was founded in 1986 by managing director Richard Hicks, who will cut his stake from 45 to 25 per cent. In the year to the end of March less AFT doubled graphic to £1. In the year to the end of March last AIT doubled profits to £1.11

Latin America expected to lead growth

The world economy will grow by about 3.3 per cent this year, according to 450 experts polled by the IFO research institute in Munich. Latin America is expected to lead the way with 5.2 per cent, ahead of Asia with 4 per cent, North America 2.8 per cent and Europe 2.3 per cent.

Publisher set for AIM listing

Helicon Puhlishing, best known for publishing the Hutchinson Encyclopaedia, is planning a listing on the AIM next month. The company was formed from a management buyout of the Hutchinson reference division from Random House in March 1992.



mented: "That company has been set up to take advantage of nese telecoms market itself." Wireless Communications reach parity with the Chinese. launches a single hrand to re-place those of Mercury, C&W's Mr Brown promised then that plan is for it to have certain ascapital markets in Hong Kong main UK subsidiary, and the

ery company - which came up with a

once-a-day version, reviving Procardia's patent and tripling sales to \$1.2bn. Felix

Theeuwes, Alza's president of

research and development, remembers the excitement: "We enormously expanded the market for angina drugs.

Our technology gave Pfizer its first

billion-dollar drug."
The range of delivery technologies

today is vast and ingenious. It includes everything from simple skin patches, in-

halers, gels and nasal sprays to implants, pills with microchips and contact lenses

that release drugs into the eye. SkyePharma's Geomatrix rechnol-

ogy, for example, can release a drug

in tablet form immediately, slowly over

days or in prescribed bursts so that, say,

someone at risk of heart attack could

take a pill hefore hed and get regular

doses throughout the night. Elan is de-

veloping a smart pill embedded with

a microchip and Alza has a titanium

implant, no higger than a matchstick,

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The most exciting area in delivery,

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ment un the reports yesterday, hut insiders said a flotation of CTHK would be an entirely logical development. One com-

Injections without needles, pills with microchips – drug delivery

systems are a rapidly growing sector, writes Sameena Ahmad

insulin and brittle bone pills. Inhale has

an insulin dry powder inhaler and

PowderJect a helium pump which can drive molecules through the skin at

For both patients and healthcare pay-

ers, there are huge benefits in all this

- the easier a drug is to take, the more

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Drug delivery contenders

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that company [putting] us into selling 5.5 per cent of its 59 per cent stake in Hongkong Tele-

tor: "In the US, 28 per cent of hospital

admissions can be traced to people not

taking their drugs properly."
Glen Travers, chairman of Cortees,

says that less than a third of women

prescribed hormone patches for brittle

bones stay on the treatment after two

years: "The cost to the US government

in hospital fees to treat broken bones

For the big pharmaceutical compa-nies, meanwhile, a clever delivery sys-tem can extend the patent life of their

drugs, generating substantial extra rev-

enues. The number of alliances with spe-

cialist delivery companies is growing.

financially unrewarding for pharma

groups to spend millions on their own

technologies to improve just one

drug." Donal Geaney, president of Elan, says: "Many medicines stay on the shelf because they cannot he

delivered properly and this is costly."
Rolf Stahel, chief executive of Shire,

sees another reason for alliances: "Re-

search directors in hig pharma groups are not enthusiastic about delivery. It

does not lead to Nobel prizewinners."

Investors, though, should be more

excited. While the small numbers of

Alza's Mr Theeuwes says: "It is

is \$10bn a year and growing."

The reports come as Cable &

A hi-tech boom helps the medicine go down Abbey National rebuffs NatWest

cousins, as Jo Walton of hroker

Lehman Brothers points out, their risk profiles are substantially different. Delivery companies work on existing chemicals, where all the data - animal tests, safety, which patients to target, which clinical trials to use are already known. Times to market are shorter and the chances of success are higher." Mr Zisson agrees: "It takes a delivery company about three to four

years tu get a drug to market, compared to six years for a normal drug." Financial risks are also lower Robert Chess, chief executive of Inhale, estimales his research costs are a tenth those of an average hiutech company and with three times as many products, risks are spread. And as Richard Stewart, Skye

Pharma's finance director, points out, the development costs of reformulating an old drug are borne by clients. while established sales and marketing teams can push the new version at minimal cost: "All this means more in roy-

alties," be says.

Though royalties can limit upside, companies working in protein delivery or on big drugs stand to gain substantial returns and make profits sooner than most hiotechs. So far, their potential is more apparent in the US. According to Ms Walton: "Investors are more cynical in the UK, where hopefuls like Cortecs have not yet made it. In the US there are some huge and profitable companies. UK delivery companies UK delivery companies are normally companies." UK delive lumped in with their hiotechnology may not be far behind.

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The French and German governments tried both fudges and austerity, claiming Maastricht required such action. In the process they succeeded in linking the single currency with recession in voters' minds - an association which could still prove the death knell for the treaty

Fetish figure that threatens the single currency

under the impact of twin blows from the French electorate and the German Bundesbank in the past few days. Yet if the Maastricht convergence criteria were interpreted sensibly, as the drafters of the treaty originally intended, then many of the latest difficulties would disappear. It is not loo late for European politicians to realise this, and to start talking common sense on this subject, instead of just mouthing meaningless numbers from Maastriebt.

On the face of it, the obstacles to the scheduled start date now look formidable. Just as the French have become minded to ask for a looser interpretation of the Maastrichi convergence criteria, and for a renegoliation of the Slability Pact, the ability of the Kohl government to make concessions has been heavily circumscribed by its debade over the Bundesbank's gold

This is a very menacing combination. It remains to be seen whether the Jospin government will choose to keep its new demands within the confines of what can be agreed by the Bundesbank. If it does not, then delay or cancellation of the project will become possible - as British politicians (always hoping to dance on the grave of Maastricht) bave eagerly pointed out this week. But some of these headaches are really

quite unnecessary. They stem from an over-rigid interpretation of the Maastricht budget criterion - an interpretation which bas looked politically convenient in several countries for the last couple of years, but which now threatens the entire project. This is how the problem arose.

When the treaty was first drafted, it was recognised that the existence of a single currency would carry inevitable implications | they suggested that it should

The scheduled 1999 start date for the curo is looking increasingly rocky require some form of supra-national cent of GDP, and a budget deficit of under not. Since the Germans felt that it would deficit are as important as the outcome in policing of the fiscal stances of the member states.

The reason for this is compelling. Once inside a single currency, members would be able to finance budget deficits at a common rate of interest, and under certain circumstances this could mean that highly indebted countries would be able to lean on the creditworthiness of their fellow member states in order to hold down their own borrowing costs.

In order to prevent this "free rider" problem from getting out of hand, the treaty requires that, to qualify for membership of the single currency, countries must show that they have attained "sustainable" budget positions. This means that they must be in a position where their budget deficits are low enough to stabilise their public debt ratios at a prudent level. So far, so good. No one with the slight-

est understanding of economics could object to this requirement. And no country with a sustainable budget position (cg Germany) would enter a monetary union with another member state (eg Italy) unless it could be confident that the political system of the latter was capable of delivering a sustainable hudget position for the indefinite future.

the need for subjective judgments when the final membership came to be assessed, the drafters of the treaty attempted to define in numerical terms what a sustainable budget position might involve. Among other things,

However, in a search to avoid

3 per cent of GDP. The 60 per cent deht ratio was arbitrarily set at the level which the EU happened to exhibit at the time, and the budget limit was set to correspond to this figure. But just in case anyone should take such arbitrary figures too seriously, the treaty included a number of hedge clauses which were intended to allow subsequent wriggling room, should it be needed.

Unfortunately, however, the German Finance Minister, Theo Waigel, decided to take the 3 per cent limit for the budget deficit absolutely literally, and also to apply it to the 1997 calendar year outcome (which had never been mentioned at all in the treaty).

He did this for a simple reason. Towards the end of last year, it appeared likely that Germany and France would be able to reduce their budget deficits to below 3 per

be politically impossible to sell a monetary union to their own electorate if Italy were included, they alighted upon the 3 per cent limit as an "objective" way of keeping the Italians ont of the first round. Dr Waigel went around chanting his "3.0 per cent means 3.0 per cent" mantra, and for a while it became deeply unfashionable to point out that such a literal interpretation of the budget limit was completely contrary to the letter and spirit of the treaty.

This convenient piece of political-speak, bowever, bas badly backfired. As the recession bas dragged on in both France and Germany, it has become apparent that the 3 per cent budget limit could not be bit in 1997 without either a series of budget "fudges", or some genuine austerity mea-sures which were entirely mappropriate in

the economic circumstances. Governments tried both fudges and genuine austerity, claiming that

Maastricht required such action. In the process, the same governments not only brought themselves into disrepute with their electorates, but succeeded in linking the single currency with recession in the voters' minds - an association which was quite unnecessary, and could still prove the death knell for the

This association was unnecessary because the treaty had clearly foreshadowed that the 3 per cent limit could be waived deficit are as important as the outcome in any given year. The single currency does not need to spell austerity and recession it is just the politicians who have chosen to make it so.

t would always have been open to the Germans and French - and indeed it still is - to make the following statement: "Germany and France both have sustainable budget positions, as defined by the treaty, notwithstanding the fact that our deficits will exceed 3 per eem of GDP in 1997 for cyclical reasons.

"Both countries have demonstrated over many years that our political systems can maintain this situation. Despite the Herculean efforts of the Prodi government, Italy bas not yet demonstrated as much. though significant progress is being made. We therefore intend to proceed to monetary union on time, with Italy hopefully following shortly thereafter."

Probably the UK would call this a "fudge", hus it would not be one. Instead, it would be an adult statement of reality. the kind of reality oo which countries should really decide whether to form monetary unions with one another. Encouragingly, Wim Duisenberg, who sbortly becomes bead of the European Monetary Institute. said on Friday that the 3 per cent hudget limit was a "fetisb", and that what mattered was whether hudgets were broadly moving in the direction of sustainability.

Exactly. If France and Germany have the will to follow this line, then the 1999 start date can still be rescued - though, if Lionel in case of recession, both by saying that the structural (ie cyclically adjusted) deficit could this formula, or indeed any other, can be taken into account, and by accommodate his wishes

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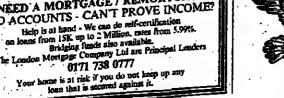
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The day the gypsies rode into town

Matthew Brace on Appleby's horse fair - the biggest event in the gypsy calendar

They are hounded off the land, their children are turned away from schools and they are treated with contempt by much of society, but this week the gypsies are celebrating their fe and traditions in style.

The great horse fair at Appleby is the biggest event in the gypsy calendar. Thousands make the pilgrimage from around Britain, Ireland and the Continent to the small Cumbrian market town beneath the glowering Pennines to catch up with relatives, meet future marriage partners and sell

During the weeks prior to the fair gypsies begin arriving, decorating the nearby lanes with their painted caravans. This year many were not given access to their traditional camp site overlooking the town on Fair Hill, or Gallows Hill as it is also known, until the last minute, causing overcrowding in the roads approaching the town.

Appleby has a festival air about it. Between the painted caravans are trading stalls and fortune tellers and the streets are full of gypsies and hangerson who come to see a slice of ancient travelling life. In the evenings, the gypsies drink late under light, summer skies and across Fair Hill the sounds of ancient ballads can be heard from the campfires.

But the fair has an altogether more serious side too. It is where old scores are settled. Barely a year goes by without fights between sworn enemies taking place.

And there is the cut-throat business of horse-selling. Horses are washed and groomed along the banks of the river Eden which flows through the town and dealers demonstrate their animals' fitness and strength by running them through the crowds at speed, scattering the on-lookers. Until a recent ban, the horse dashes took place through the main



Ground work: Gypsies on Fair Hill in Appleby ready for this week's horse fair. Travellers have gathered there to celebrate their way of life for centuries (below)

Main photograph: David Rose

streets, their owners shouting for people to get out of the way. Thousands of pounds change hands on races run over the meadows and lanes where it is common to see horses gallop-ing without harnesses and their

with small buggies, also draw the crowds.

Today is one of the main trading days when vital money is earned to see the dealers through the lean winter months young riders sometimes going of travelling ahead. Some fam-

bareback. The harness races, ilies have been making a living trading horses at Appleby for

> The fair is said to date from 1685 when James II gave Appleby a charter for "the purchase and sale of all manner of goods, cattle, horses, mares

and geldings". However, some maintain horses have been traded in Appleby since as far back as the 13th century. This year's fair, which ends on Wednesday, is expected to attract more than 20,000 people. By Saturday morning, more than 500 car-

avans had parked up and Fair Hill was already crowded. Cumbria police, wisely, let the eypsies get on with it. As one duty officer put it on Friday night: "I wouldn't say it was ever quiet round the horse fair. There are always some gypsies who get into fights with old rivals, but they don't involve the public. So far this year it's peaceful."

There are other horse fairs around Britain, Charles Kightly's compendium of traditional festivals and rituals, The Customs and Ceremonies of Britain, notes the Barnaby Fair at Boroughbridge, North York-shire, in late June, one in Brigg. Lincolnshire, in the first week of August, and the West Yorkshire and Dewsbury Fair in late August. But none is as grand

and as impressive as Appleby. Charlie Smith, chairman of the Gypsy Council, an indcpendent rights group, ac-knowledges that the Appleby Horse Fair and the whole gyp-sy way of life has been at risk for years but blames the previous government for doing much to make the situation even

worse.
"This fair, all our fairs, all our traditions, are under threat. It's not a new thing but since the Criminal Justice Act was introduced, things have got worse,"

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lems with the laws of trespass which have seen more and more gypsies turned off land." The trespass laws have allowed police to evict gypsies along with other itinerant travellers and squatters with

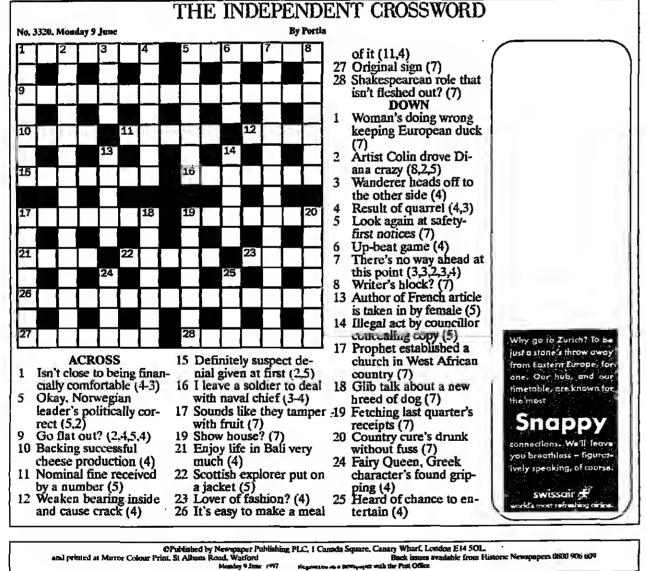
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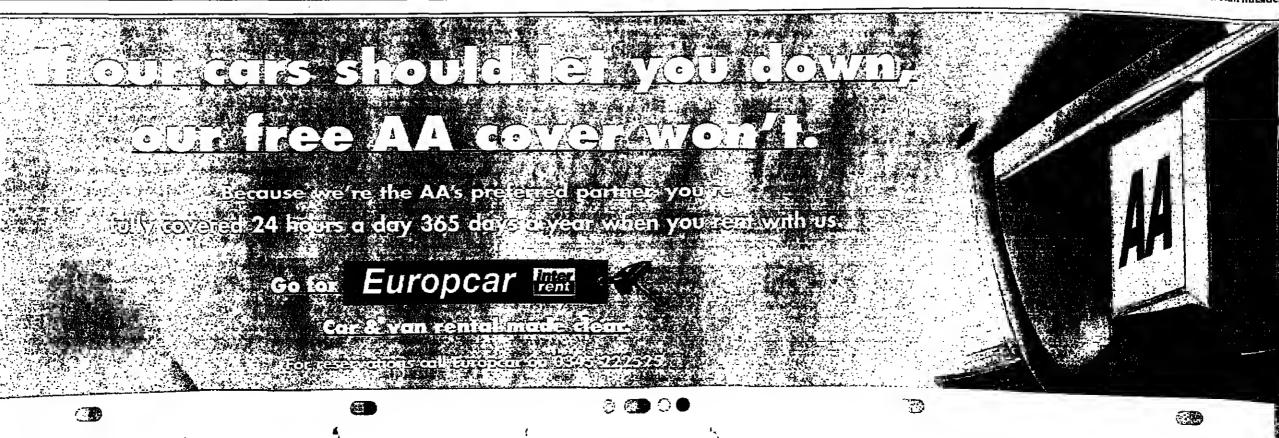
Also, reports Mr Smith. far more gypsy children are being turned away from schools, causing a serious setback to literacy rates and meaning that more travelling families awaiting a reply from John having to find time to educate Prescott, the Deputy Prime

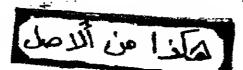
their children themselves. He is hoping that Labour in government, as they promised in opposition, will avert the decline in gypsies' rights and he is

Minister, with whom he has requested talks. But for this week, politics and

hardships are being put aside as the biggest annual show of gypsy solidarity and celebration parties on a Cumbrian hillside.









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und apparently hetter than ever. The leugue had been wen without losing a game and victory in the Gionnorangie Camannehd Cup final would give Kingussie the grand slam.

Shinty is played throughout Scotlund but Kingussie's opponents could not have been closer. They came from the next doxy village of Newtonnore, the two existing in a permanent stute of cheerful ennuly three niles apart in the game's Highlands heartland. Newtonnore huve enjoyed the ascendancy for much of a 100-year rivalry, but Turner, a like just about everybody else, felt their young side was overmutched un their young side was overmutched after heir gent off u few weeks earlier. There was just one reason for Newtonnore optimism, Turner said: the wind that was beginning to swirt ucross the Fort William ground which is sighted appectacularly in the shadow of Ben Newis. Newtonmore, it seems, are the Nimbledun of shinty and like to hit the ball long. "They'll lather the hell out of git," Turner predicted. "Hockey," said Jock Turner, choosing a his words carefully, "is fairly restricting. Is but everything else is legal."

It was a couple of tours before shinty and Tuner, a broad shouldered Clasgow policenan, was in contemplative mood. The subject undered Clasgow policenan, was in contemplative mood. The subject under discussion was what made shinty—nor cananachd as it is known in Gaelic to cananachd as it is known in Gaelic to wield the stick, or camen, an pered on hockey players.

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This could lead to some fearsume infinites. Turner, who is chairman of the South of Scotland Camanachd Association, soid, and to illustrate the point when the promptly whipped out his dentures be to reven a chasm where his fuur front the teeth should have been.

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Matt Tench visits the dangerous world of shinty, where on this occasion only a record ended up smashed

without its poignancy for Newtunmore supporters, for he might have been playing for them. Ross's mother connes from thoroughbred Newtonnore stock, but his father lan, o Kingussie player and their manager for the last six years, claimed seigniorial rights and 24-year old Ronald has been wearing their blue and red hoops since first picking up a sikk. "Newtonnore were a wee bit scannerd," said Turner, and you knew what he mean.

Ross was quick to make an impact as battle commenced amid a clatter of camens and blur of extended limbs.

Ross's first shot on target came after four minutes, the first camen snapped momens later. As Kingussic settled his their rhythm, their No 6 spun neatly in midfield. "Ally Dallas never hought a drink in his life," a man in a thick hive and white scarf muttered darkly.

After 10 minutes. Ross scored, turning impressively hefore drilling the ball home from 12 yards, and by halftime it was clearly going to be Kingussie's day. Ross had plundered a last-trick, his attacking partner Kevin Thain claimed two mure, und the As the teuns were welconed onto the pitch by the pipers, it was possible to detect the similarities in that other cup final – the scarves, the painted faces, the football songs specially adupted – but what struck you anore were the differences. There were no touts, nu players pools and, best of all, no Jimmy Hill.

Of the 24 players who lined up ready for the aptly termed hit-off, most eyes in a terowd of arrund 2,000 were focused on Kingussie's Ronald Ross, a legend in the making whose resemblance to a Ray Race goes way beyond the alliteruively obvious.

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Kingussie defence marshalled Borlwuck with Hansen-like.
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Mick McCarthy can breathe nic more easily after being given a two-year extension to his contract as manager of the Republic of Ireland, taking him up to the Euro 2000 finals in tha Natherlands and Belgium.

McCarthy was given overwhelming support by a Football Association of Ireland board meeting in Athlone, with 19 delegates providing their support, none against and two abstentions. The original deal for McCarthy, who was appointed in February last year as successor to Jack Charlton, was due to expire at the end of the World Cup in France.

The Follsh national coach, Antoni Piechniczek, has resigned a week after his side lost 2-0 to Bugland, ending their chances of qualifying for next year's World Cup finals. Deputy coach Krzysztof Pawlak will take over for the time being.

Another coach to go over the weeklead was Claudio Ramieri, who has left Fiorentina after a disappointing season in which the club finished ninth in Serie A and therefore falled to win a spot in the Uefa Cup. Reports suggest that Alberto Malesani, the coach of Second Division side Chlevo, was likely to take need the coach of second Division the uer from Ranieri.

Lothar Matthäus was dropped as the captain of the German champions Bayern Munich on Saturday following the newspaper publication of his "Secret Diaries", an insight into the club's turbulent season. The Bayern chairman, Franz Beckenbauer, said that the defander Thomas Helmer would take over as captain

over as captain.
"There are serious problems for Lothar," said Bayern's business manager, Uli Höness. "The diary was taken very badly by the

The diary appeared on Friday and included datalis of a 10,000 marks (£3,600) bet Matthäus roade against the Bayern striker of Jürgen Klinsmann scoring 15 goals in the season. Matthäus lost the wager, made with Hönces last winter, as Klinsmann scored precisely 15 goals, helping Bayern win a record 14th titla. The Sampdoria-bound Klinsmann was shocked by the bet and said he could no longer take bis former tram-mata seriously.

Middlesbrough's Brazilian international Juninho, who is helieved to be leaving the club, has won the North-East Foothall Writers' Player of the Year award. The 24-year-old midfielder was a clear winner, with the Newcastle United and England striker Alan Shearer runner-un.

slippers.
Needing I18 to win, the safite as Australia scored in their first innings. England, set off allea men in a hurry feet their first innings. England, set off allea men in a hurry feet their minde. If they did, their nerve did not betray it, and the nine-wicket win at Edghaston in 1997 will go down as the tima the Australians got a taste of their own medicine. The margin was perhaps too great for this Test to be considered a classic. Mind you, considered as early as the second decided as early as the second day, the Australian fight-back, led by a long overdue cantury from their captain Mark Taylor lent a

French rethink on fences

The fences could be coming down in time for next summer's World Cup finals after all as Flfa lobbies the new French Government.

The ormer Premier Alain Juppé's administration had resisted all attempts by the world game's governing body to have the iron grilles surrounding most French atadia dismanticd.

Ten-foot high bars between the oll-scated crowd and the playing surface at Montpellar's Stade de la Mosson, where England played France on Saturday, revenied the ugly face of crowd management.

Fifa's general secretary Sepp Blatter has fiercely lobbied for change ufter visiting the World Cup venue grounds in Montpellier and also in St Etienne, Lens and Nantes. With the pre-

vious government set firm in their resolve not to back down, Fifa had accepted that the fences would be staying up.

But now, however, the newly-elected government of Lionel Jospin is understood to be reconsidering the issue with the World Cup organising committee head, Fernand Sastre, looking to use his political influence to bring about a new policy.

Fifa aspokesman Keith Cooper said: "We want the fences to go and we hope that the change of government will bring a reappraisal of the situation. Scpp Blatter has made clear our position all along. We've spoken with the mayor of Montrellier and ho understands that there is a good chance of the Government changing its policy."

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DEREK PRINGLE reports from Edgbaston Auatralia 118 & 477 England 478-9 deo & 119-1 England win by nine wickets human story to England's dra-matic cricket on the first two days. With a raucous crowd enjoy-

The moment the whole of English cricket has been waiting for appears to have arrived. England have not only beaton Australia with comprehensive case, they have taken there are they have taken there are things with an Ashes series. It is in a girlieve ment hitherto thought his yound them, but one taken there are confortably as Kingstake to carpet slippers. With a raucous crowd enjoying every moment, anyons who claims cricket in this country is fillst, exclusionist and dull could not have been watching events bere at Edgbaston over the last four days. "Ashes coming home," they were singing from the Reastand: a prediction that is coming more alive with every session of cricket.

Fittingly, England's captain Mike Atherton was on hand to sae, his side home with an aggressive unbeaten 57, full of his trademark drives off the back foot. There were hugs and little punches of joy as Alec Stewart sealed the contest by smashing Warne to the cover fence.

In this match, England have piayed with real aggression and purpose. Cone was the caution that, has sometimes dogged Atherton's captaincy in the past. Over the last faw days, he has stood out, a commanding figure unafraid to give his bowlers a rocket or his opponents a grin.

England have now won their last three Test matches and are on something of a roll. Sustaining a high level of performance will be the skipper's next challenge and one that will be crucial if the Ashes are to return at the end of the summer.

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their opponents' comeback will bave steeled England for the battles yet to come.

When Australia resumed,
Theylor, intent on setting out his stall, as be had done on Saturday, was easily outscored by Greg Blewett. Of the 21 runs he did add, most were tucks off his legs. This was an area Eogland's pacemen had liberally fed the day before when he had reached his first hundred in 25 Test imings.

For Thylor, it was probably the only way to silence those who hadn't, was his wife Judy, whose faith in ther husband went as far as placing a bet on him scoring a hundred. She was the first person he rung at the end of play on Saturday.

While Taylor nudged, Blewett played expansively all round the wicket, despite the handicap of an injured left knee. His moroing duel with Devon Malcolm, armed with the second new ball was thrilling. Malcolm bowled fast, rapping gloves and tickling ribcages. Blewett responded by After their sensational start to this 'lest, it would have done Eagland good to have bud two hard days' work as well. Confidence is a great asset to have, but not if it turns into apathy, and their opponents' comeback will that underlines what a fine batsman he is.

He had abded 194 with his capitain when Croft fured Taylor lift of chipping, back a reform catch. Extracting considerable tourniquet to Australian ambition that had eluded the pace bowlers. Continuing after lunch, tha Glamorgae off-spinner removed Blewett, caught by Mark Butcher at silly point, as the ball rebounded off pad then back of bat.

At the other ead, Malcolm was propelling another fearsome spell which, although going unrewarded, softened up Steve Waugh and Michael Bevan acough for Gough to pick them both off when he replaced the Derbyshire man from the Pavillog end.

He also removed Mark Waugh, returned from hospital with a clean bill of health, though the grimace as he left the aron has a rankably drawn more to his

7 (ours) 40 Weekend.

If Gough's spell had opened up the possibilities for a fourth-dey finish, Mark Ealham's scaled it. With that hustling waddle of his, the Kent all-rounder took 3-0 in 10 balls, a sequeace only broken when Bevon, acting as runner for Gillespie, was run out by Darren Gough as he received John Crawicy's throw from serious less.

With the extra half an hour available, England, motivated by a variable weather report, launched their reply as if it was the first 15 overs of a one-day match. Ninely runs were added in 18 overs and the extra half-hour was nut required.

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hooking him to the boundary backward of square. When the ball had dulled, he stretched forward and two languid cover drives off Gough were perfection.

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The last time the Detroit Red Wings won the Stanley Cup none of their players was born. On Saturday they beat the Philadelphia Flyers 2-1 to complete a four-game sweep of the National Hockey League championship series and take the Stanley Cup back to Detroit for the first time aince 1955.

Nicklas Lidstrom and Darren McCarty scored for Detroit and Mike Vernon made 26 saves as the Red Wings outplayed the bigger, younger Flycrs.

Vernon, who was in the Detroit goal for all 16 of the team's play-off wins after being relegated to back-up for all the regular season, was named Most Valuable Player, but virtually anyone on the team could bave won the award. Vernon, a previous winner with Calgary in 1989, had an almost flawless defence in front of him.

The Red Wings beat St Louis, Anaheim and the defending champions Colorado Avalanche on their way to the final scries. They dominated the Flyers as Detroit's Scotty Bowman became the first coach to win the Stanley Cup with three different teams, having already won with Moostreal and Fittsburgh.

There were some tense noments when Eric Lindros scored with just 15 seconds left, But it was too late for Philadelphia, and as Vernon atcered tha puck behind his net as the final seconds ticked away, his captain Steve Yzerman, a Detroit piloyer for 14 seasons, jumped into his arms. Tho rest of the team mobbed the pair and pandembulum ensued.

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The opening bowlers wasted the new ball by bowling wide, Atherico did not put enough pressure oo Mark Taylor and Oreg Blewett and it all became rather rudderless, especially for the first hour on the fourth morning, when 59 runs came off 12 overs with the second new ball. It was the new ball which was meant to be England's pathway to victory, too. y, too. gave it to Caddick falcolm, and not to

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After two brilliant days at the start, it was sad to see England start, it was sad to see England start, it was sad to be England starter back into bad habits and mediocrity on Saturday and the first part of Sunday. The cowiers who had got it all right on Thursday could hardly have got it more wrong for those four series.

The discipline which had been obvious with Darren Gough and Andy Caddick's bowling and Narser Hussain and Graham horpe's batting, to say nothing I Mike Atherton's captaincy, anished in this middle period as world. it more wrong for those four ions until Robert Croft put show back on the road with

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u fundamental self-confidence, but no one human can think positively for the whole of econtest as prolonged as a Test match. England's quest yesterday was as much to keep the demons of doubt at bay as to outplay their opponents.

In that respect, the fourth day duwned with the match entering lis critical phase, the fight back led with such gullaotry by Mark Taylor on Saturday having testing centided an exultant nation that Australians do not take defeat lying down. Another session woo by Taylor and the admirable Greg Bleweit and Eogland just might begin to wonder if, in this company, they could play superbly for two days, as they unquestionahly did last Thursday ond Fridey, and still not who the Test.

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France : England

But they have, they have won match ufter mutch, the best run since 1986. On Saturday, after their first success over Italy in 20 years, and in Poland in 31, England gland their first victory io France since 1949, Even the when must row he when must row he

World Cup una.

Of course, we must not get carried away. Things can change very quickly in sport. Brazil may expose England's flaws and pretensiuns just us they did in the Umbio Cup at Wembley two years ago. England improved from there to reuch the last four of Euro 96 and their continued progress suggests that, whatever tomorrow night's result, they will be formidable opposition in a year's time.

Chelsea's Franck Lehouef, who ast in the stands at Wembley when England lost to Italy in Rehruary, und on the French hench on Saturdny, said: "England's players have learned a lot over the last year, especially tactically. They improve every gume. In Fehruary there was a hig difference between Italy and England, last week — I watched on TV — England played tha June lixture in Paris, a year's hence, a (whisper it quietly)
World Cup final.

Saturday snowers side of England's game, the shilly to eke out wins without playing particularly well. They were not poor but they must now be judged by the standards they set against Italy and by that n TV – England played tha ame Italian team and were nuch hetter."

the defensive strength, the ability to recover from a poor start, and the thoroughness of the preparation. Whintever you think of the tactic of attempting to hit Ian Wright and Alan Shearer over the top ("predictable" is one view) it was calculated to test a square French defence unused to playing together. Had Wright finished better after Shearer and David Beckham set him up, it would have worked after 41 minutes.

A further 44 mioutes later it did, though only niter becoming more sophisticated. Paul Gascoigne showed the way, passing along the ground to Beckham, hreaking from midfield after 73 minutes. Then he and Shearer released Teddy Sheringham on

the right and his cross, fumhicd by Fahien Barthez, was touched in by Shearer.

Sheringham's arrival increased the options Shearer and Wright had heen hitting each other's space and testing the impressive French defence only on the topic of offside. Hoddle, Terry Venahles and Graham Taylor have each tried to pair Wright and Shearer and each failed. In aix hours and 21 minutes together, against seven different tenms, the partnership have managed one goal. The Shearer/Sheringham combination has produced 16 goals in 17 hours and 42 minutes. Wright has a role to play in this squad, but it is not alongside Shearer.

ON SATURDAY IT WAS THEM.

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So Hoddle has learned that. He may also have accepted that Gareth Southgate is still some way from being a Continental-style sweeper. Until one cancrages, or Jamie Redknapp is given the chance to convert, the fitness of Tory Adams, who makes up in presence for what he lucks in finesse, will be closeup nn the finor in Montpellier on Seturday. England won 1-0 and that's a good sign in a youngster. He still has a lot to learn and he will get hetter."

England defend well as a team, though their cruda early tackling prompted reservations. France, short of inspiration and finishing, were only ever going to score from a header—and they were not allowed to cross from the byline—or a shot following a knock-down. David Seaman underlined his importance with a save from such a situation.

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On the left side Sol Campbell, after an uncertain start, was excellent, his strength and mobility make him ideally suited to the marking role with only his concentration a concern. "He was not at the races to start with," said Hoddle, "but we got messages on and he turned things around. He did not examble England did have imagination, with hoth Bockham and Garcoigne playing good passes, though the former gave the hall away cheaply and the latter dalled. Of Beckham Hoddle said: "He hit the wonder hall hut he has to learn at this level it is three [safe passes] to one [risky one]."

Gascoigne sometimes waited too long and one missed opportunity had Le Saux fuming. He did enough, especially in view of recent injuries. A respected Brazilian journalist I spoke to yesterday insisted Gascoigne would get in the Brazilian team. "He is crazy hut hrilliant," he said.

Surprisingly, given that England have met Brazil four times sinca he began his England career, Gascuigne has never started a match against the World Cup holders, England have minor concerns over Shearer (unkle), Roh Lee (foot), David Batty (groin), Paul Scholes (hamstring) and Martin Keown (arm) but Gascoigne, for once, is fit. Tomorow gives us a chance to compare the man, and his team, with the masters of the art.

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lan Ridley sees Glenn Hoddle's most gifted youngster show his immaturity

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Beckham had taken a late, heavy tackle from the frequently clumsy Arsenal midfield player, Patrick

und the former Leeds United player, Phil Masinga, in the first 16 minutes effectively ended Zambiu's challenge and their Warld Cup lupes.

Zambia were unable tri find a way through e South African defence experily marshalled by a current Leeds player, Lucas Radebe, Mark Williams scored South Africa's third goal in the

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'When that structure comes, you jumpon quickly, Indeed the more experienced Graeme Le Saux, scorer of England's goal against Brizill in the 3-1 defeat at Wembley in 1995 and clearly wanting bnother shot, clambered aboard lateriat the game I despite his injury being feetal.

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o the European Under-21
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enders Belarus here on Saturlay, James explained why he had reports fram Minsk Balarua Under-21 Scotland Under-21

used since August hut the clubs that feature in his squad list bettray the lake of talent on offer. Lower division outfits such as Cydo, Hamilton, Clydebunk and Carliso me represented while Rangers, Cettie mnd Dundee United—the top three in the Premier Division last week—had mn players in the squad in Minsk, Scotland reached the last fmur in Europe at this level only u yenr ago but alarmingly the latest erop hooks desperately short of quality. Cruig, who bemouned the number of defensive errors during this earnpuign, highlighted as successes, goulkeeper Raddy in Mekenzie, of Heuris, central defensive pair James and Darren Dovik, of Hivernian, and Callun Duvidson of St Jahascone. St Mirren's Airiker Ricky Gillie Eume off after 39 minutes saffering from a knee injury, the exuitem of which is still being e left in this one. That's why when the Belerus opponent wanted to swap shirts I said 'no', it has been e memorable end to the season for me, offer helping Palkirk reach the Scottish Cup final."

James had words of empathy for his captain Gary Locke, rif Hearts, who gifted Belerus victory when his 70th minute hackpass presented the substitute Nikolal Rynduk with uchance he grutefully accepted.

"Gury shouldn't take it hard on himself because we all make mistakes end sometimes you get uwny with it and sometimes you don't — that is fuodball and it is a tesm game," said James. In truth, Scotland would bure. If have deserved a draw and incided all minutes set them win only twice of them with the burden which I have seen them win only twice.

74th minute.

In Europe, Deimark consolidated their position at the top of Group One with u 2-0 defeat of Bosniu yesterday. Deimark have 13 points from five games and Greece ure in second place with 10 prains from six games.

A fine save by Peter Schmeichel eurly in the second half prevented Bosniu taking the foud. Mare Rieper's 61st-minute header put Deamark uhead and Mikhrs Mohur served the second goal in the fand minute.

In Group Nine, Portugal, with grass from Juso Pinto and Luis Figo, easily beat Albania 2-0 on Saturday night. Their victory kept up the pressure on Ukraine and Germany, who drew 0-0 in Kiew.

Ukraine lend the group with 14 points from eight matches. Germany ure two points hehind with two games in hund. Portugal sad sko have 12 points, but they hun Germany.

In Ituly, Bresciu secured prometion to Servi - 4 yesterday with one match of the season remation to Servi - 4 yesterday with one match of the season remaining after drawing 1-1 with Reggina in Reggio Calubria. The remaining three promotion places will he decided next weekend, with Empoli, Leeve, Bari and Genna in contention.

Cosenza, Ceseni, Falermound Cremonese have been relegated from Serie C. Seenis, Falermound Cremonese have been relegated from Serie C.

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Football PETER JARDINE reports from Minsk Belarus Scotland McAllister wipes away his Wembley misery

Russia's Elena Dementieva was told to change her shirt at the French Open be cause it mentioned her tennis sponsor SIX times - five more than is allowed

CHECK TO THE WAY NOT THE

Gury McAllister scored his first international goal for five yeors as Scotland took another stride along the road to the World Cup finnls here yesterday.

McAllister'a 49th-minute penalty, which collected three more vital points for Craig Brown's teum, helped wipe out the memory of his Wentbley spot-kick nitss against England during later 96 last June.

surely guarantee ut least second place for the Scots.

Darren Jacksoo won the penalty, but it was a harsh decision against Erik Yakhimovich by the Turkish referee, Ahmed Cukar. Paul Lambert fed the ball forward to Jockson who worked a one-two with Gordon Duric before inviting a rash challenge from the Belarus full-back.

McAllister, making his 53rd appearance, accepted his responsibility as captain and although the Belarua keeper,

ty – against the CIS.

The breakthrough came after Scotlaud had survived a rocky first 45 minutes in which Yaklumovich crashed a shot off the woodwork from 50 yards. His seventh-minute effort struck the top of the post to the surprise of Jim Leighton. It seemed to have an unnerving effect on his teammates, but Leighton redeemed bimself with a fine save from an Andrei Ostrovsky free-kick a couple of minutes later and went on to record his 42nd clean sheet in 81 internationals.

or Jackson was withdrawn into midfield to allow Durie to partoer Kevin Gallacher up front.

Belarus' response to McAllister's goal was to introduce three substitutes in quick succession and one of them. Vladimir Makovsky, anight have equalised in the 64th naturate the mis-kleked in front of goal with Scotland in disarray. However, the second of the s th Scotland in disarray. However, two minutes later Jackson most made it 20 with a fine run dishot which was tipped over

Scottish hearts flattered again wa minutes from time, but the stitute Sext Gemmill aome-stitute Sext Gemmill aome-stitute Sext Gemmill aome-rasimets' toe when he seemed

certain to score.

The 300-strong Tartan Army, who were guarded throughout by a ring of soldiers, were in fine voice in the far from full Dinamo Stadium. The result ensured they would ull he hoarse by the time they got home.

INDEPENDENT SPORT

Andrei Satsunkevich, got a touch, the hall found its way into the roof of the net. The last time McAllister scored at this level was at the 1992 Europeon Chumpiousbip finals in Sweden. That goal was also a penalty—against the CIS. grass' in prepared Majoli is do-or-die to 'eat effort

John Roberts on modest ambitions of the new French Open champion

atively modest, objective.
"My dream," the 19-year-old
Croat said, "is to win in the first
round at Wimbledon. I have nevcr won a match at Wimbledon,
act juniurs, not doubles, not aingles. I said to myself: 'OK, I'm
going to die on the court at Wim-

So bow closes she intend to prepare to do or die?" I'm going to eat grass," Majoil said, laughing. Her emslt diet is due to start at Eastbourne next weck.

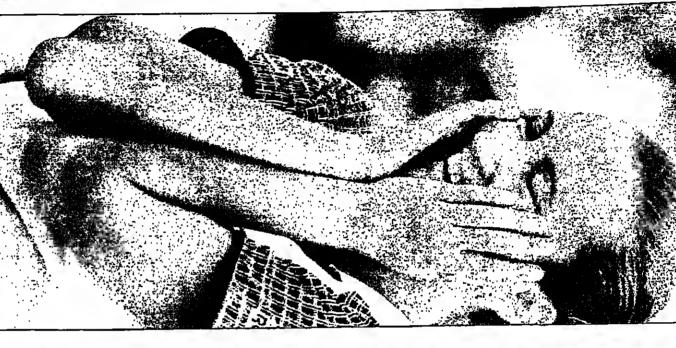
Hingis, while not exactly esting humble pie, acknowledged that she had been comprehensively outplayed on the elay here in Paris by her friead Majoil, the ninth seed. The 16-year-old Swiss world No 1 had been unable to find either the strength or the inspiration to stean Majoil'a deep, angled shots or to undennine her opponent's confidence.

Fatigue played a part in Hingis's disappointing finale after winning 40 consecutive matches this year. But the Australian Open champion was able to mitonalise this, reminding everybody that she came into the tournament only six weeks after surgery to her left knee and that her goal hud heen to reach the semi-finals.

Competing in the doubles added to Hingis's workloud, her partnership with Arantxa Sanchez Vicanio flourishing until friday's semi-finals, in which they lost to Gigi Fernandez und Natusha Zvereva, 10-8 in the third set.

had enough of tennis for n while right now," ahe saya. "Well, not eaough of tennis, but enough matches. You could see it on the court today. I don't feel like I want to play another tournament next week. I don't want to be Hingis's Wimblednu plans remain unchanged. She does not intend to arrive in England until three days befure the championships start on 23 June. "I've junior singles title at the age of 12. "I think for myself it's better that success didn't come before new," Majoli said, "because I felt I wasn't ready for unything too big at the age of 16 or 17. Everyone is different. I think Martina is really handling the pressure great. When I was 16, I was more like 13. Martina at 16 is like a grown up."

On Saturday, Hingls locked her age and Majoli gave the mature performance. She did not allow her concentration to waver or her nerve to falter after Hings took a bathroom break at 3-2 in the second set (Hingls was cautioned after throwing her racket in the aext game), or when the Swiss took a time out for treatment to her aching trigbs at 5-2. "Maybe I did think, 'did she really have to to go to the bathroom?", Majoli said. "On the other hand, there's nothing I could do except try to relax. On the court we ull want to win. Maybe you do some things you don't mean to do, but you do it havened the sure feel it's more things you don't mean to do, but you do it



as hard as we can to try to win

Majoli was determined that nothing would be allowed to distarb her momentum once she recovered from a set and 0.4 down against Lindsay Davenport in the fourth round. "That was the match I got really lucky," Majoli said. Thle at and physical fitness tank over from there.

"I know I've been injured, but I don't want to take anything nway from Iva," Hingis said. "She never gave me the chance to do anything. She played her best lennis in this toarmment. She served very well and she had very good length in the groundstrokes.

"I had a great year so far. It's frustrating to lose here in the final, but my career doesn't endright aow. There will be Wimbledon in two weeks, so I'm going to try to be better for that one. I have two weeks off to relax. I'm going to be ready there."

Hingis's injury was caused by a fall from u horse. Her agent, Damir Keretic, was asked if a clause forbidding her to rick was likely to be inserted in her con-

GREG WOOD

There was a loud cheer when the unmonneer called Benny The Dip's number first, just seconds after he and Silver Patriarch had passed the post locked in desperate opposition, as several thousand punters celebrated his victory. In fact, the PA was simply confirming, as it always dues, that "the horses involved in the photograph are, in racecard order...", and the backers' delight might still have proved prematare. But for the managers of Epson racecourse, the misunderstanding was cause for eclebration.

Suddenly, it was clear that their attempt to coax first-lime races had been a resounding success. After a decade of public indifference, the trend of dwindling attendances had not simply heen halted, but flung into reverse, with 72,000 paying to watch the Derby, more than a quarter as many again as 12 mouths previously.

The most welcome discovery

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exponential. There were 28 per cent more people, but the mood was improved by 1(t) per cent.

On Derby dny 1956, the bar staff were so under-employed that they spent their time trying to attract your attention. Not so on Saturday, when the only bar without a six-deep queue was the one in the tented village which had run out of beer.

Long before the first race, you could sense a feeling that life was already pretty good and was about to get even better. The reaction of u woman sitting on the terracing when a large, unsteady man collapsed on top of her was an indication of the mood. There was no annoyance or aggression, simply a prolonged giggle.

Somehow, the unique excitement of Derby day had been recaptured, every bit us suddenly as it had been lust almost u decade ago. No one has ever adequately explained what went wrong, or why it did so almost in the space of 12 months.

When Nashwan set sail for home in 1989, he was greeted by a blood-curdling roar from tens

returns to Epsom

of thousands squeezed Into the stand and packed light and deep along the rails all the way to Thattenham Corner and heyond. Yet just a scason later, Quest For Fanne failed to mise even a whiff of excitement from shurply depleted crowd, and from that moment on, things only got worse.

Now, at last, we have had a Derby duy which improved on the one before, and even the horses played their part, with the closest of finishes. Thue, the infeld fell a long way short of the teeming bedlam of former days, hut even there, the close up uf Benny The Dip's long nan fur the line revealed a deose mass of faces inside the running rail, and many handreds of fists punching him hume with Willie Ryan.

Leaving Epsom on Saturday evening, ynu could imagine all those first-timers resolving to return next year, bring their frieuds, and who knows, maybe even hire one of the double-deckers. For Sue Ellen and the Epsom of Facials it is content. there before and been knocked about in the ring. When you lave curned a few sents, sometimes that is the better wny in life."

Not that Rynn was greatly impressed by the opportunity. In fact, what he had to say after riding unt on Benny the Dip last Thursdny doesn't stand repeating on these pages. Along with the widespread conclusion that the 4-6 favourite, Entrepreneur, was about to enter the Derby pantheon it did not suggest a considerable improventent in

John Gosden's triumphant weekend could not extend to Chanilly yesterday where his Ryafan made the running in the Prix de Dianc hut faded into fourth behind Vereva. Peter Chapple-Hyam's Dances with Dreans finished last of the 12 runners. It was the second win in the Chessic for the owner-frainer-jockey combination of the Aga Khun. Aluin de Royer Dupre and Gerald Mosse following Shemaka's 1993 victory. "Vereva is a fast-improving filly," de Royer Dupre said, "though I wouldn't be sure that she'd stay one and a half miles. The Eclipse is a possible target." In the Grand Prix de Chanilly Chapple-Hyam's Roynl Court

past masters differs from A first mate

KEN JONES

So much for racing's feudal tradition, a touch of the jockey's forelock, respectful appendage. "John," interrupted Benny the Dip's trainer, John Gosden, when Willie Ryan called him mister. So much, too, for the cynical theory that nice guys finish last.

Few know the vagaries of racing better than this pair. Three years ago, in the most recent of his previous Derby appearunces, Ryan was carried from the track with broken ribs after Foyer came down. Two years ago Gosden suffered the disappointment of Tamure's defect hy Lammtara when the great prize appeared to be in his grasp.

Of course, there was more than good fellowship — "We're mates," Gosden said — to the romance of Ryan's elevation after the reshuffling caused when Gosden's regular jockey, Frankie Detton' was claimed for Bold Deof name that appeals to cusual punters and he had plenty of support around the boards and at the betting windows. A sense of stealing money.

When they went down to the start on a glorious day, the Derby appearing to bave reclaimed to a lot of its old appeal, most eyes were on Entrepreneur and serious investment kept it firm in the market. What then happened is a mystery for which nobody a mystery for which nobody connected with Enterpreneur, especially the jockey, Michuel Kinane, could find an explonation. Even before they reached the top of the hill it was apparent that the talented and greatly experienced Irishman had problems. Indeed, with a nile still to ran

mand and Olivier Peslier chose Cloudings. Until the middle of last week it was still between Ryan, Gary Hind and Tony Garth. "We chose Willie," Gosden said, "because he had been

The nervousness felt by some in the Entrepreneur camp was quickly developing into the realisation of a huge loss in projected stud value. Thought to be blessed with the twin advantages of speed and stamina, the fuvourite simply wasa't going unywhere. "He would not have won at a mile, any distance," Kinane said afterwards.

Meanwhile, Ryun could see a chunce the like of which he had never seen hefore. Hitting the straight there was only a vast sen of faces before hiat. Thking Benry the Dip's suspect stamina into account, Gosden had advised going from the front. "We decided to take a shot at it," he said.

Not that it was all over but the shouting. Coming from last, my personal elucice, Silver Patriarch, mounted a thrilling chullenge and only inches separuted them at the linish. But how could you begrudge the popular winning combination. Willie and John, It sounds so much better than Ryarı und Mr Gosden.

Gosden filly <u>დ</u>. fourth

finished last of five behind the fust-finishing Steward.
Rather like Benny The Dip at Epson, Touch Gold rullied to

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Rensta's Prince (Nottingham 5.00) NB: Solfegietto (Nottingham 4.00)

lund the Belmont Stakes at Belmont Park on Saturday to deny Silver Charm the American Triple Crown. The Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes winner had looked set for a historic win when getting the better of a duel with Free House

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TENNIS

Ken Nagas scored six tries against Halifax to break the Canberra Raiders' record of five in a match set by Mai Meninga SEVEN years ago

Paris sampas

night ago.

But it was certainly not a case of Who's Who and Who Cares. The 20-year-old Kuerten, whose hrilliance frustrated the No 16 seed Sergi Bruguera, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2, in an hoor and 50 minutes, enplured the imagination as well us the majority of the

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nny The Dip lives up to his name by lifting his biggest booty in a big orowd as

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RICHARD EDMONDSON

Rarely has a frest new personnily risen to so speciacularly in a sport which crives charactes. Ital, the and downight seruffy in terms of surtonial tennis tradition, Kacrten overcame the past three champions. Yevgeny Kufelnikov, Thomas Musier and Bruguera, en route to the £400,000 winter's cleeque and overright fame.

A small group of supporters began a samba around the grounds here which will be evolved throughout Brazil in hnour of the first man from the nation to wha a Grand Slum shagles title.

When Maria Bueno wan the first of her three Wimhledon the less in 1959, a stamp was issued in her honour. The aircraft taking her hack to Sao Paulo was diverted because of a storm, hut when she finally arrived after midnight, all the lights in the city's buildings were switched on the standard.

John did not crack up, though, and there was also an emotional containment about Willie Ryan. The 32-year-old has, for long, been considered one of the weighing room's water carriers, but on this occasion his collegues came close to bearing him as they acknowledged the success for one outside the cartel when it comes to big-race rides.

It was something of a relief that Ryan managed to orchestrate a compelling finale, as that climax did much to crase the Jeporable performance of the odds-on favourite. Entrepreneur was like a pinhall as he smacked bottoms with Silver Patriarch after 100 yards and bounced off just atwat every contestum. The cold's most tungible contribution was the sample he provided for a dope test.

cling to the devalued belief that Entrepreneur, the heaten oddson fluwertie, will return to prove himself Pegusus reineurnate.

"I think mine was an orducky lesser," John Dunlup, Säver Patriurch's trainer, said. "He couldn't hold his position and was plom last in the bottom of the lift, but he picked up and I thought I'd got him in the last 100 yards." Pat Eddery has callected the Derby three times, but he gets as much publicity about the gets as much publicity about the gets an other that got away. Silver Patriarch proved as slippery to guide us Dushyantor had last year, and old Pat must mose that he would get an easier ride at the Calgary Stampede than in the Derby these days. "He is a hig, galloping horse who needs the track to suit," Eddery said. "I'm hoking forward to Ireland hecause we'll get those canditions." There were, however, no reports yesterday that a white flag

The money-splushed world of top nithleties has provided us with two hillious head-to-heads this pust week, but for those who seek u direct competition of valeor and worth the stage of the Trish Derby in three weeks' time beekous tratalisingly. Aftermorating medical examinotions and consoltations between connections yesterday, it was mnounced that both Benny The Dip and Silver Patriarch are due to recreate their compelling duel for Shturday's 218th Derby on the foreign soil of the Currugh. Start packing.

There will be a lot of carbon gasses expended before 29 June on the subject of whether the best horse won on the Surrey Downs at the weekend. The prevailing thought scems to be that Willie Ryan on Benny The Dip pinched the race once he had rounded Tattenham Corner, while Pat Eddery left his challenge too late on Silver Patriarch. A few others still

ert, his reputation grew and from the moment he re-red from 0-3 in the fifth set efeat Muster in the third

Wintorcarin.

Koerten could be in line for a seeding at the All England Club. His ranking is likely to be as high as No 16 today, a mighty beap since his arrival in Paris as the world No 66. Only one man ranked lower has won a Grand Slam singles title, Mark Edmondson, No 212 at the 1976

heres in a more surrouch man-her than his yellow and blue (shoes and all) outfits which eaused the President of the French Tennis Federation, Chris-tian Bimes, to comment: "We Jon't want these guys dressing like socver players".

For vesterday's presentation, Bimes was accompanied by Borg and the great Argentinian Guillermo Vilus, who handed the

azil's Guatavo Kuertan hits out on his way to Grand Slam viotory ovar Sergi Bruguara yaste utive five-setters against the Ukrainian Andrei Medvedev and Kafelnikov, the Rossian defending champion. A four-set victory against Filip Dewulf, a Belgian qualifier, elevated Kuerten to yesterduy's confrontation with Bruguera, the champian in 1993 and 1994.

The Spaniard has prowed himself cupeble of rallying all day with anyone unwise enough to take him on all his own heavy topspin game, and Kuerten endeavoured to shorten the points with the accuracy of his serve and by whining groundstrokes delivered at precise angles to the corners or down the lines.

He broke Bruguera twice in the opening set, which flushed by in 28 minotes, and had conceded a total of only four puints on his own serve in stretching his leud to a set and 3-1.

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"I never won a title [before],"
Kuerten said, apologising for muking o bit of a mess of the eel-ebratery bubbly. "That's why I don't know how to open clum-pagne." He seems to be a quick leurner.
Few nmong Kuerten's voeif-

Schinsser, who has studied the form of all the leading players on television since "Guga" started playing and seea herself as his "scout". Kuerten made special mention of his conch. Larri Passis,
whom he regards as a second father. When Kuerten was 10
s years old, his father. Alda, died
of a heart attack while ompiring
a junior match.
"I will enjoy this night with my
family and my couch. I really
worked hand with my couch on
the mental side of my game. He
told me I would win against every
player, and I really started to put
this in my mind." The champion
said.

McCague keep Kent on track and

Montgomerie to record finish races

on the opening day of the first Test at Edgbaston

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set a World Cup record when they scored SEVENTEEN goals without reply against the Maldives in a qualifying rame last week

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Coliu Montgomerie equalled the course record at Slatey Hull yesterday to win the European Grand Prix by five strokes.

Montgomerie's 30 strokes on the fanal nine holes included four birdies over the closing five holes as he struck a seven-underpar fural round of 65 to finish 18-under-par for the tournament with a total of 270.

It was Montgomerie's 13th victory in 10 years on the European Tour. His total was two strokes hetter than the score he had predicted would be required to win. Retief Goosen, the defending champion, was five strokes back in second place.

Montgomerie secured bis first victory of the year with some superb finishing, holing putts of 25h, 35h, 25h and 12h at the fast. His timely form, with only two

him in a buoyant mood for the US Open. "I've been 26 under par for my last five rounds and made only two bogeys." he said. "In the US Open it's not so much a case of the hirdies you make but the bogeys you don't make. I can't wait for tha coming Thursday morning the way things are going."

Goosen trailed Montgomerie by ustroke early in the round but his challenge was hown away by Montgomeric's finish und he had to settle for second place after litting a 69. Lee Westwood, like Goosen just one stroke behind Montgomerie ut the start of the round, was third ufter hitting a 70 for a total of 276 and moved into seventh place in the Ryder Cup rankings.

Montgomerie moved to the

Europeun tour event at least once cach year since 1985 when she won the Danish Open at Vejle yesterduy. Davies, making her first European tour appearance of the season, shot a closing round of 69 for a nine under par aggregate of 207. She finished three stokes cleur of Sweden's Maria Hjorth and took her 25th European title. The Australian, Karen Lunn, and Marie-Laure de Lorenzi from France shared third place a further three strokes back.

THE SPIRIT OF CONQUEST



In the swing: Colin Muntgomeria continued Watson puts business

before Troon adventure

ANDY FARRELL reports from Royal St George's

amateur comes along for whom winning the title is the pinnacle of their golfing endeavours, rather than a stepping stone to supposed fame and fortune in There is a reason why the Ant-ateur Champinnship is named as it is, and not as the Proto-pros Open. Once in a while a career

the professional game.

Same time today. Cruig Watson will turn up ut the shop connected to the family lighting husiness in Falkirk where he warks. "I get all the time off I aced to play golf," he said. He will certainly he out of the shap for three weeks: the Open Championship at Royal Truon next unonth; the Walker Cup match at Quaker Ridge, New York in August; and next year's US Masters at Augusta National.

The Amateur champion is annually invited to the first major of the year, and usually turns professional on the Friday

Gordon Sherry found out lust year, and Warren Bladen this, that lenves them in a golling noman's land. Watson, 31, will have no such worries. Instead, his Augusta trip means a few self-deprecating ancedotes to tell the customers the following week.

The last Amateur winner of his ilk was Gary Wolstenholme, who went on to achieve fame, if not fortune, as the man who bent Tiger Woods during the 1995 Walker Cup ninteh when Great Britain & Ireland regained the trophy. Watson was in the original squad for this year's match, but was not selected to go to Yalderrama for a training session. "I was disuppointed," he said, "but I have not really been thinking about it."

As for Troon, he has an unhappy mentury to extinguish. "The lust time I played there I shot 83, and that was on a calm day. I was eight over after seven, with the holes into the wind still to come, and I fell out with my father who was endeleing for me."

Faldo makes his move

Nick Faldo scored 68 to finish four shots off the lead after the third round of the Kemper Open in Potomac, Maryland. Mark Wiebe, looking for bis first PGA Tour win since 1986, made five hirdles in eight holes to establish a three-stroke lead over Mike The putter is working better, so that's a nice feeling."

Norman's round was affected by upublic address aumouncer at the first hole, who made a reference to the accident in Marchin which President Clinton injured his knee at Norman's hume, saying, "if you're ever invited to his home to see his trophies, I would suggest you pulifely decline."

Norman upbraided the announcer, hogeyed three of the first four holes and all but fell out

Springer.
Faldo was the only big name in the field to make a move on a day when Greg Norman (73), Tom Lehman (73) and Nick Price (72) all went backwards. "I'm new to this course," Faldo said. I'm having to grind fund.

Watson had played all the courses on the Open rota except for Royal St George's, hat for which the may not have made the trip to Sandwich. Now, he has played it eight times, the last two in the 36-hole final on Saturday in which he beat the 17-year-old South African Trevor Inmelman 3 and 2. Having lost four holes out of six to go to lunch at two down, Watson won three of the first four holes upon the resumption to regain the initiative.

In a contest of styles, Immelman would come out alread, his game honed for the tour which will eventually hecome his home. Watson, however, despite not recording a birdle during the day, used all his experience to cope with a challenging course which underwent subtle changes in the varying conditions.

Already the South African national champion, Immelman's expectations are never less than

cxpectations are never less than of victory. Backed by a futher who works for the tycon Johan Rupert, and a brother, his caddic last week, who turned pro, did not make the grade and now works for IMG, he will go fur.

What he may have to do before then is speed up his pace of play. Although the final was pinyed within the allotted time, immelman took one minute and 45 seconds over one putt. Others during the week were equally over zealous in their meticulous approach and, without the talent of the South African, were unwatchable.

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But Peter Greenhough, chairman of the championship committee, reported: "Overall, the pace of play has been better than three or four years ago. They seem to be getting the message that we want them to get a move on."

Mona end hopes for SC Bowl ots irchs

American footbar TONY TRANTER reports from Murrayfield football

Scottish Claymores London Monarchs

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The Dragons I first quarter on 31-yard field go Jon Kima's two Sheddrick Wilson Frankfurt then ted 10-0 in the 1 Jesus Angoy's oal followed by vo-yard pass to

record.

"Our lads were overawed," the Halifax manager, Duvid Hobbs, said. "We gave Canberra too much respect."

Salford hardly did much better at Adelaide, losing 50-8 to give the home side the first half-century of their short history. Salford were only 16-8 in arrears with balf an hour to play, with their best player, Gary Brondhent, scoring their only try. But they fell apart in the closing stages to allow Adelaide to play exhibition rugby.

"I'm sorry the fans didn't see the real Salford," said their

three years, leading them to World Bowl appearances in 1995 and 1996.

In Düsseldorf, Derrick Clark rushed for two tauchdowns Salurday as Rhein Fire beat Amsterdam Admirals 24-0. Clark a farmer Denver Broncos player, n Fire beat Ams-n Fire beat Ams-rals 24-0, Clark, a rr Broncos player, rr runs of 12 and he first half for his down in the past

back in action against Penrith tonight.

The St Helens captain, Bobbic Goulding, will decide this week whether to hring forward an operation for a hernia. Goulding was planning to put off the surgery until after the tournament, but was clearly hampered by the injury when Saints were beaten by Auckland on Friday night.

"I got hit in the first tackle and

Cas hid their improved form early on. After only five minutes, the Perth second row forward Peter Shiels went over, then the second row John Grieve datted over and Scott Wilson trotted in to make it 18-0, as Chris Ryan converted three out of three.

Castleford rediscovered their hest form just before half-time, when a burst by Brendan Tuuta led to Jason Critchley polltyg four points back. A charge from the second row, Inn Tunks, who ulso converted, brought six more points, and a shock looked possible as David Chapman went over. Danuy Orr's boot brought

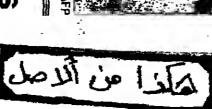
denied taste of glory Castleford and Paris

the score to 16-18, hut Perth's full-back, Greg Fleming, set up Matthew Rodwell for the decisive try in the 72nd minute.

falling hall and touched down for the 1ry. Matt O'Coumor goaled for n 6-4 lead.

Yet it was to be short-lived, and once the ex-Wigan and New Zealand centre, Kevin Iro, broke clear it was a formality for Robbie Ross to score the second Hunter try four minutes later. The Mariners added a touchdown from centre Bradley Godden, another from the second row man Anthony Brann and a fith from Scott Hill put the match heyond PSG's reach.

However, the biggest cheer of the afternoon came when the French winger, Fahien de Vecchi, went over for a 60th-minute



alifax thrashed

Rugby League

Brilish misery in the World Club Championship continued Down Under, with Halifax and Salford th on the wrong end of record

Hulifux were hummered 70-6 by Canberra Raiders - the cluh's higgest-ever score. The New South Wales full-back, Ken Na-gus, scored aix tries - another

had trouble with the speed of their play. The British game is not as committed or intense as its Australian equivalent."

The hypes for any face-saving in the first round of fatures now lie with Wigan and Bradford, who toth play their opening

Wigan will not risk Terry
Wigan will not risk Terry
O'Connor's ankle at Canterbury, but still have an invaluable
nucleus of players who know
what top-cluss international
competition is all about. The Europeun Super League-leading
Bulls hope, not for the first
time since his foot injury at
Wemhley, to have Robbie Paul

get through the competition, but I will sit down with the club this week and decide whether it needs to be operated on now."

The League will decide this week whether Auckland's Anthony Swann will face discipilnary action over the incident that saw St Helens' Andy Haigh taken off with a cut head on Friday night. Swann appeared to bring his brace latter contract with Latter.

has reacted angrily to the news
that they will not compete separately in next year's World Cup
in Australasia, but will instead be
reunited with England to play as ings.
The manager of the Welsh in-emutional side, Mike Nicholas,

reunited with England to play as Grent Britain.

"This is the final nail in the coffin of the Welsh team and an insult to nil the players who have played over the years," Nicholas said, "It smacks of the International Buard trying to manufacture a competition for relevision

Castleford and Paria St-Germain briefly harboured hopes of chaining the honour of becoming Europe's first winners in the World Cluh championship yesterday, but Cas's fighthnek at home to Perth Reds was thwarted by a late try that gave the Australians a 24-16 win, and the aris, before the constant of the state of the constant of the constant of the constant of the constant of the characteristics. n front at one stage, went down 8-12 to at home to Hunter

Ryan converted.

Paris led the Aussica after 24 minutes: their outstanding player, the full-back Dion Bird, following up an up-and-under from Jason Martin, grabbed the falling hall and touched down for the Liy. Matt O'Connor goaled

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S16 Alan Shearer has scored SIXTEEN goals in 34 appearances for England

Strang and McCague keep Kent on track

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a couple of overs later, comfurtably caught by Michael Edmond ut deep extra cover, it merely paved the way for more runs, this time from the ud-

would have carned him maximum points in the Olympics.

There had been a touch of anxiety about Kent followers after they had been put in to bat, and it was understandable as

Kent's heady season continues. Second in the championship, a Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final tie against Northempton-shire tomorrow end yesterday's comprehensive victory over Warwickshire, which leaves them folility placed in the Sunday

their aide was without Graham Cowdrey (torn hemstring) and Mark Balham (England duty). So it was good to know that there was someone they could count

clipping his way to a Sunday hest 40 in just 34 halls. He had clobbered a straight six off the hapless Welch and picked off four other boundaries before he became one of Dougie Brown's

At one wicket down n reassuring sound began echoing around this most county of all out-grounds as Trevur Ward chose the occasion to rediscover his sure touch. It did take him a little while but eventually the runs came. His pull for six dangerously near the mayoral marquee down at long leg was a sign that Ward, who is doing fine in the first-lass game, is still a quality performer in the limited

League.

They owed their success es much to some fluc howling as to a sulid contribution from the batsmen. Indeed, there was one apell when Martin McCegue and Paul Strang, doing e good guy, bad guy act – McCague as venomous as ever with bis pace, Strang deceptively gentle but full of guile with his leg-spinners – had between them sent five Warwickshire batsmen back into the pavilion in successive overs. And that was that really.

Only acting Warwickshire's cuptain, Nick Knight, had provided eny resistance, but McCague did for him, finding un edge and wicketkeeper Sieve Marsh took a stunning left-honded entel with e dive thut

overs variety.

It was Ward's dismantling of the Warwickshire attack which stitched together something of substance for his own bowlers to have a dart et. There were plenty of thoughtful, field-sphitting placements as Ward accumulations.

He arrived at his first one-day fifty of the season in some style, hooking Grueme Welch for his laird four. But even when he fell

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unbeaten 79 as Leicestershire eruised to six-wicket win over Middlesex at Lord's. It took them only 35.2 overs to score 198 for victory after the home side had scored 196 for 4 uff 37 overs a round interruptions for rain. pero. Brown, too, turned in a personal heat for the 40-over competition. He picked his wickets in pairs. His first two victims — Matthew Florning and Alan Wella – departed a ball apart in his fourth over. Brown's final over accounted for Strang, who was caught behind by Yany Frost, and McCague, who quickly followed when bowled. That left Brown was with figures of 4 for Brown was with figures of 4 for Darren Maddy scored 82 1 the opener, Neil Johnson, an



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port is back with no apparent ill effects and he has newed past the 800 first-class wickets mark and, with three years left of his contract, could conceivably reach the magical 1,000 figure. A seven for 37 haul against county champions Leicestershire showed Newport has lost none of the skill which makes him arguably the best swing bowler in Engand given the

Newpurt, who made his Test debut against Australia at Head-ingley in 1989, said: "Last sea-sun was so frustrating, and it's nice to be back playing. When you've had a time away you

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tend to enjoy it a bit more.
Thankfully there has been no reaction to the injury. There have been a few niggles but nothing that has stopped me from playing, and I've been quite pleased with the way the bowling has gone generally.

"As a swing howler you need to regain that rhythm and swing—and if you get that going you are going to get wickets on any surface. As long as there is a decent carry through to the wick-etkeeper then I always fancy my chances. You might tose a little bit of zip as you get older but you can make up for that with experience.

Agree.
Mario Cipullini, Gotti's Saccoteam-mate, took the final stuge in Milan, heating Sweden's Glenn Magnusson in a crowded sprint.
The traditionally ceremonial final leg, 102 miles from the spareson of Boarie Terme to Milan, was a triumphant parade for the

cow yesterday.

The race was won by Tatyuna
Tereshchuk of Ukraine with a
time of 54.96, but fur Guanell
it was an improvement on her
performance in Rome last week
where she was fifth in 55.52.

At the same meeting Donovan Bailey lost a soggy 100 metres to Nigeria's Duvidson
Ezinwa. The Canadian world
record-holder finished in Britain's furmer Olympic champion Sally Gunnell, now back in action after her injury at the Altanta Olympic Games, clocked 55.30sec to finish second in the women's 400 metres hurdles at the International Anateur Athletic Federation's Znasmesky Grand Prix in Mosbetter all the time Gunnell getting

Athletics

The dominance of Michael Dawhan in the 5ftke class confinues. The Australian rade his Henda to a fifth win in six neers this season at the French Grand Prix in Le Castellet vesterday.

"He's an alien." said the Spaniard Carlos Cheez, who finished abread of Eddayuki Okada of Japan. Dooban, the world champion and championship leader, finished in 42min 38.064sec, clocking a fastest lap of 1:21.674 (98mph). The topsix fimishers ull rode Hondas.

In Hockenheim, Carl Fogurby stretched his overall lead in the World Superbick Championship after taking the second race of round four. The former world champion beat Kawasaki's Akira Yanagawa into second place, as Yanagawa into second place, as Yanagawa into second place, as Yanagawa into second place,

Out of thie world: Micheel Doohen on his way to victory in the French Grand Prix yesterdey

champion beat Kawasaki's Aki-ra Yanagawa into second place, with Suzuki isting their first rostrum position of the season courtesy of Jamie Whitham.

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gift to Australia Annan's golden

race began monents after a tor-rential thunderstorm had abal-

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BILL COLWILL reports from Berlin

Australia toak their fourth sue-cessive gold medal in the Wunea's Champions Trophy in the Olympic lackey statium here yesterday in a thrilling fi-nal before a large crowd in tem-peratures neuring the 80s.

The world champions heat Germany 2-1 with a golden goal from player of the tournament. Igor Kovuc of Slovakia took the 110m hurdies in a phuto-fin-ish with Britain's Tony Jarrett. Both were clocked at 13:45. In mucher tight finish, Kenya's Duvid Kiptoo won the men's 800m in 1min 44.57sec, just 0.05sec ahead of Hendrik Moganyetsi of South Africa. Vincent Malukwen of Kenya was third in 13:44.75. The world champion, Jan Zelezny of the Czech Republic, won the Javelin with one of the senson's hest throws of 86,92m; the double Olympic champion Svetlana Musterkova of Russla won the women's 810m in 1:59,29; and Russia's Irina Bi-

Alyson Annan, seven minutes into extra time, asving fallen belind when the English unprice Gill Clurke (in charge of her 100 his ternational) pkayed an advantage to allow Britta Becker to seve.

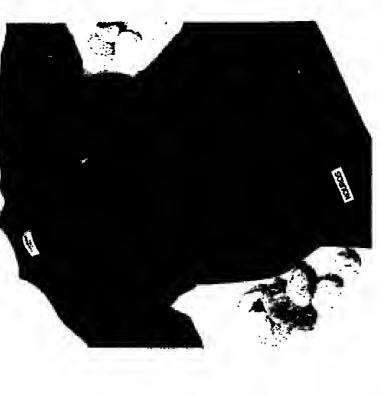
Within five minutes Australia were on terms as Katrina Powell punished hesitancy in defence.

Australia had the majority of the game and well deserved the title: the Netherlands touck the honze ukova took the women's fillm in 4:05.70 on the flood-

The women's 400m was u competition hetween two Nigeriums and six Russians – who finished in that order. Bisa Afoludi of Nigeria won in 50.55see, folluwed by her compatriot Faillat Ogunkoya in 50.79. The fastest Russian was Olga Kotlyarova at 51.40.

medal with a 5-2 win over the Olympic silver medallists, Korea. Great Britain seored their second successive victory over the United States, the World Cup bronze medallists, with a 3-0 win to finish fifth, having beaten the Americans 2-1 in their last paol game.
Yesterday, Karen Brown, who in the first game against the US had set an international record with 258 caps, set Britain on their way from the penalty spot. but it was not antil late in the game that 17-yeur-old Lucilia Wight.

Gotti breaks Italy's Giro drought



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to prepare for the Tour deFrance, was marred by several accidents, which knocked out such pre-race favourfles its Luc Leblane and Marco Pantuni. Of 180 starters, only 110 made it to Milan.

Chris Boardman wan the prologue of the Dauphmé Liberé for the fourth year in a row in the streets of Grendbey yesterday. The world one hour record holder cavered the 5.1km flat course in 5min 50sec. Alex Zuelle of Switzerland was second, three seconds belind,

28-year-old Gotti, wearing the race leader's pink jersey he captured in the 14th stage. He finished in the 14th stage, He finished in the same time as Chedin to be at Tankov and anuther compatries. Giuseppe Guerini, in the final standings.

Gotti built up an overall lend in his favourite climbing stages and held off Tankov in two indisvidual time trials. The Italian snatched the pink jersey from anatched in Cervinia and extended we ended in Cervinia and extended whished his Jean Giro, avoided by the some Europeans, who preferred in

The unfancied Ivan Gotti became the first Italian in six years to win the Giro of Italia yesterday, heating the defending champion, Pavel Tonkov of Russia, by Imin

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intact? Apparently so, Irre-telive of the fact that Satur-/s 35-30 defeat was the Lions it reverse against a South rican province in very nearly years and despite the dis-most of losing to a Northern inswant denucled of a third of itr Super 12 line-up, Fran tion, the tour manager, ined that the damage to morale not so much insignificant as nitesimal. ertheless, 80 minutes

error-strewn rugby cost the Lions the psychological edge so at the psychological edge so at the past three weeks. If they did not possess one hefore, the Springbok tacticians now have a precise hineprint for victory in the Test series: serum, scrum and certum again.

strength of Lions' tight units over the last quarter of a century – Cotton himself squeezed the very pips from both Springbok and All Bluck pucks in his day – it would be a truvesty if this squud found their efforts and ambitions compromised by a powder-puff serunmage. Unless the heavy brigade get themselves sorted without further delay, however, Os du Randt and company will enjoy a duck-shoot in Cape Town in 12 days' time.

On Saturday, Richter was able to use a totally secure scrum platform as a prime attacking buse, and twice the Lious conceded short-side tries us a direct result of their mability to knock the Bulls out of their ultra-comfortable urmehair.

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As Adriaun Richter, the Blue Bulls captain and a South African international of considerable resourcefulness, pointed out on Soturday night, the tourists' problems start and

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during the Lions' 35-30 defeat in Pretoria on Saturday

back foot rather than the front, and with Eric Miller patently unhappy on the open-side flank – he booked about as much at home as a fish in a tree – the Lions' entire forward effort was

ultra-comfortable urmehair.
Danie van Schalkwyk and Richter himself were the beneficiaries as the visitous repeatedly allowed themselves to be wheeled out of position. As Lawreace Dallaglio, the shrewd back-row organiser from Wasps, admitted after the match, it might well have been a whole lot worse had Joost van der Westhuizen, the lightning-fast Springhos serum-hulf, been avuiltable to the lawns side.

to the home side.

Luck of clout in the hump and grind also made life difficult for Sent Quinnell. The best hall-carrying No 8 in the purty was virtually monymous against the Bulls, largely because he spent so much of the match on the

hume as a fish in a tree – the booked about its much at hume as a fish in a tree – the Lions' entire forward effort was frayed and ragged.

Richter, Nicky van der Walt and Schutte Bekker ran the whole show so effectively, particularly during the first half, that the Lions might conceivably have found themselves 30 points to the bad. Andre Walson, the Eastern Transvaal referee, I denied Wynand Lourens a perfectly good try early on end also gave the visitors the rub of the green with two forward pass calls that were marginal at best. As it was, Casper Steyn and van Schalkwyk crossed for first-half tries. Richter added his within a minute of the restart and with Steyn in confident kicking form Northern were over the hills and far away at 25-7 before the Lions started to retuliate in earnest. Had it not been for the sleek cirtuwsity of Jeremy Guscott, and Gregor Townsend's unpredictability at outside-half, the margin of defeat would almost certainly have bordered on the grotesque.

How the Lious must be thanking their maker for Guscott's presence. If the Bath centre's chip-over try in the 24th minute was a joy to behold, the angle he ran off the mercurial Townsend's bewildering midfield break five minutes into the second half was pure nectar. Those two flashes of unalloyed genius were enough to keep the Lions at the races, and with Tim Stimpson's kicking in rather better shape than the rest of his game, the gap was down to five points with a full quarter still on the clock.

Infuriatingly from Townsend's point of view, unpredictability has its downside as well as its benefits; van Schalkwyk's interception of the Scutsmon's derring-do pass to Alan Tait on his own 22 gave the Bulls at fourth try-one too many for the Lions Stimpson kept chipping away. Steynwas equally tuned in on the malar front. One last electric connection between Guscott and Tiwnsend gave the latter a superb seven-pointer five minutes from time, but with the Akrikaner forwards still in the

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4-0 by Australia. He made 25 and 11, each time losing his wicket to Terry Alderman. "I was the 29th player England had used that summer and when I turned up at The Oval the day before, Ted Oexter dight know who I was," he says

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"It was Michael Atherton's second lest and I walked out with him on the Saturday morning. I have the footage of that with the commentator saying that the future of English

.130 Headley are fit, Kent ought to beat Northamptonshire, but then the same was seid about Yorkshire in the quarter-finals. Kent have their eye on other silverware this year, confident they are aquipped to land their first title for 19 years. After defeating Warwickshire to go second in the table, they can put pressure on leaders Gloucesters.

Surrey do not always live up their potential. And how mun will Edgbaston have taken o

Lest summer, Robin Simith made 179 and John Stephenson took 5:27 as Hampshire defeated Northamptonshire by an innings and 72 runs, one of only three wins they achieved all season. Cardigan Connor took 10 wickets in the match to beat Leicestershire in 1995. The drawn

As the ground at which the late John Arlott witnessed his first cricket match, May's Bounty has a unique place in the history of the game. It was 1938 and the 24-year-old Arlott was an officer in the Southampton Borough Police, in which he was to sarve for 11 years before joining the 88C. It is just as well for cricket that Where Arlott discovered the rich treasure trove of cricket MANUAROUNDETHE GROUNDE:

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Entropreneur enlarged the fist of beaten odds-on Derby favourites to FOURTEEN when he finished fourth behind Benny the Dip on Saturd:



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mutch, But they still had three England bowlers standing at the end of the game, which is three more than either Gloucestershire or Nottinghamshire, well heaten hy Kent the previous week, bounced buck with a victory at Northampton, thanks largely to a second innings century by Mutthew Dowmun. His previous claim to fame was a youth "Test" record score of 207 for England Under-19 ugainst West Indies Under-19 in 1993. What is it about Championship cricket that inspires the meek and humbles the mighty? Glowestershire and Nottinghanshire won again on Saturday and are now first and third in the table, while Lancashire and Sur-

y, on paper the two most powful teams in the land, ure 15th d 16th.

Chumpionship success—1877, to be caset. But they returned to the top of the table after completing victory by 164 runs over Yorkshire at Heudingley, Mike Smith taking 10 wickets in the match. After u bumpy ride through the winter, when they lost two key players. Courtney Waish and Andrew Symonds, and u new captain seemed hard to find, this is hardly the sort of start they could have expected.

Andy Stovold, the former wicketkeeper/batsmun now di-

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ling many. We do believe we've got a match winner in Alike winith who, as long as the ball wings, is one of the most dangerous bewlers in the country.

Last season it was the balling same the saything that let them from: only Durhum managed ewer batting points. "We just lidn't get the runs at the right lace," Stuvold suid. "This year or thereubouts. Aubody has got there or thereubouts. Purts we weren't going to bowl a side out, we couldn't do this, we couldn't do that, hut we just said, cight, we're going to bowl line and length and keep plod-drig nway. We do believe we've

done well and Tony Wright looks as though he's coming to u bit of farm at Headingley.

"Salurday's result does not affect the everal picture of our tour being a success," Rowell suid." I have congratulated every single pluyer for their efforts an and off the pitch. At times we produced some exceptional

with anounce, and of 21.3 was and an opening stand of 21.3 was Jason Lancy, who made 93. Their efforts in Hampshire's win overshadowed Kim Baracti's 50th first-class century for Derbyshire, last season's runners-up and currently this runners-down.

six-match four.

"This has been a successful iff, und several new players have come together and blemded extremely well," Clarke said. "Penple knockled down and took the tour very seriously. It was a highly professional effort, which saw a lot of quality work."

Too players made their England debuts during the tour, giving the England enach, Jack Rowell, a solid base from which to build his 1999 World Cup squad. Rowell, thowever, is still waling to hear whether his services ure required after the Test match in Australia next month.

"I demestly don't know - you will have to ask the powers that he," said Rowell, whose centract expires on 31 August. It is likely that he will he offered a 2½-year deut, culminating with the World Crare-summing.

duct, but politely suggested the might curb his league instincts now that he has returned to unkny.

The quiet Swansea midfielder's unerwishle contribution to Lions history nay seem bitterly frame given the violent excesses on past South African tours, not to mention the past battles in both New Zeuland and Australia.

of the Blue Bulls - their first reverse after four victories on the bounce. Esterbuizen spilled the beaus to the Northern Transmall management, who immediately decided to ette Gilbs under the terms of the tour agreement. A citing committee quickly determined that the Welshman had a case to answer and, as a result, yesterday's disciplinary panel was convened under the chairmanship of Hekkie Daniels, u Pretoria-based High Courtindee.

Gibl's was instructed not to comment on the matter and Fran Cotton, the Lious' manager, was hardly more forthcoming. "We've had a fair heuring and there will be no appeal," he said." From the Lions point of view, no further netion will be taken against Scott. There is nothing more to he said."

Judge Daniek panel, which also included Olaff de Meyer, a Pretoria attorney, and Mack van Vuuren, a former general manager of the Northern Trunsval Rugby Football Union, accepted that Gibbs had no particular history of violent con-

train over Accients and Australia Italia

David Dobson, an Oxford University forward, was sent off for bad-morthing ureferee during the 1904 trip to Australia and John O'Shea, the Cardiff prop, was dismissed for punching in a 1908 match against Eastern Franswall in Springs, but no officield action was taken in either case.

Cotton will now be interest-ed in the outcome of tonight's meeting of the Mpumalanga union, which must decide what sanctions to take against Marius Bosman and Elandre van der Bergh, the two beeks responsible for naked assaults on Doddie Weir and Rob Wainright during last week's ugly encounter in Withano, The Enny, manage-

Weir, whose left knee was elfectively shattered by Bosman's
cold-bloded stamp at a rick,
flew back to Britain on Saturday night and will undergo
surgery as soon as a date can be
fixed. The popular Scotsman
still has an outside chance of recovering in time for his country's
programme of auttumn internationals, but it is more likeby that he will he ruled out until

deserved their victory. I would have settled for 1-1 in the Test series helve going to Argentina and overall, it has proved a great true.

Seventh place (werall for Merricks and Walker was outside their goal of a top-five finish. Barlier in the week, they had been pleused at the way things were going, including a win in the Second race and a second place in the fourth. All the time they were learning, though they had an unhappy intenduction to

Phil de Gianville, the Fingland capatin, suid that the turning point had been a defensive blunder between Jim Mullinder und Adedaya Adebaya, which gifted Facundo Soler a soft try in the 31st minute. "That was the killer," de Glunville said. "We had just started to pluy well, gathering momentum and gainwing a sense of direction when that seere knocked us backwards.

"The loss of an influential fly half and key seconder we forward he was eleurly going to muke a hig edifference. But there can be no excuses, Argentian thoroughly we

rugby, which enabled us to enjoy four hundsome wins. This has prowed a big challenge for us, and maybe things caught up with us in the end.

He admitted that Mike Cutt and Nigel Redman being called up by the British Lians had distribled England's preparations for the second Test. "It is a wonderful thing for them to join the Lians, but it didn't do anything to our Test tenm," he said.

"Their combined loss high-highted the lack of experience in withis squad and seriously dented do our offering yesterday,"

England flew home from Argen-tina with Ben Clarke, their pack lender, insisting that Saturday's heavy defeat in the second Test should not overshadow their

reports from Buenos Aires Argentina England

ANDREW BALDOCK

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By the end of the week Mercicks and Walker were reassessing the work to be done in terms of boat-hadding and new sails. After a dauntingly concentrated fortugal in Italy they turned round at the end of the regatta to sail the boat the 250 miles to Cogolin in southern France, from where it will be shipped back to England. That provides some more offshore work and they will also compete in one or two of the Royal Ocean Racing Club's Chunnel races at the end of this month.

Mumm 3o sliver medallish has been forced in one or two of the world's local Marmy delivers and others. high standards but are having to do a formal when he said he respected them. But he added the saiding to an eight fleet, would quickly be explosted by merches it in such a tight fleet, would quickly be explosted by merches it is such a tight fleet, would quickly be explosted by merches it is such a tight fleet, would quickly be were still proue to making the small mistakes which, in such a tight fleet, would quickly be were of the respected that they were still proue of the best of the ferman entities, described the regatta as one of the best one-design competitions, and Firese's victory as "one of the most impressive performances! have ever seen."

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Scott Gibbs: benned for one match end told to curb old rugby league instlnots

ment has already signathed its in-tention to pursue the matter fur-ther if wall officials fuil to crack

For Germany's Tomas Friese it was a second consecutive triumphat the very highest level but for Brhain's John Merricks and lan Walker the Munm 30 World Championships here was a disappointment.

Friese is nothing if not determined, and to his campaigns he brings organisation, budget and top-level players. In an 18-boat fleet cozing Olyanpie medallists and Americu's Cup talent his I Punkt was still a leugue apart. With the New Zezlander Gawin Brady on the helm and the American John Kostecki calling lactics they finished nearly 20 points clear of their nearest rivals.

Strangely, Friese did not win a single rate in a series of 10 short inshore sprints and one sall mile overnight race, but his consistency of performance and results reflects nearly three years of resing all numb the world and has made him a certainty for confirmation today as the 30-footer in Germany's Admi-

Meltoter in Germany, as, and affected in Germany's Admi-ral's Cup team.

Rehind Friese was the American team's Jameson, with Chris Larson and Dee Smith winning three access, while in third was the Italian team member. Breeze, steered by Tommaso Chieffi, A few other famous mames were out of the silverware, with New Zenland's Georgia Espress fourth overall with David Barnes steering.

Second place overall for Mer-

England miss big

First Down Europe's

and 16th.

Continuity of selection must he a problem at Old Thafford and The Oval, with so many pluyers involved with England, but you would have thought they would he used to that by now; und the players that are left are not exactly duffers.

Of the two, Laneashire's proor showing is alightly less surprising they finished 15th has season and have not won the Championship for 63 years. Even so, defeat hy Somerset inside two days – one of them considerably shortened by ruin – was quite a shock.

There should be some symputly for Surrey over their latest defeat, by Essex at the Ovat; they had four players on England duty and another three were injured just before or during the

historic suspension Lions accept Gibbs

SPORT

Australian men have won ELEVEN singles titles at the French
O. en tennis chaundonships, more than any other country

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Friese turns

the heat

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Sailing STUART ALEXANDER reports from Punte Ala, Italy

Rugby Union CHRIS HEWETT

Il was the sort of punch that ocettrs a dozen times in any gune
of rughy league, but Scott Gibbs
is not playing league uny more.
Yesterday, the Welsh centre hecume the first Lion ever to be
suspended after being found
guilty of thomping Grant Esterbuizen, the Northern Transvant back, during Saturday's
contest at Pretooa's Loftus Versfeld Stadium.

Gibbs, banned for one gume,
will miss Wednesday night's
match with Gaoteng in Johannesburg and tray now struggle
to make the side for the first Test
with the Springbaks in Cape
Towo a week on Saturday. A hot
favourite for a Test place at the
start of the tour, Gibbs has
pluyed only 60 minutes at rugby in just over nfortnight and is
beginning to run aut of opporfounties to make the required inpression.

The incident happened at a ruck in the final quarter of the Lions 35-30 defeat at the hands

knur.

Kyan Bracken, urgualdy England's best player, said: "Argentina dragged us into the game they wanted to play. We were put under intense pressure, but this result is not the end of the world. We will leurn our lessons from the defeat and go home hoasting a weulth of tulent for the next World Cup."

Alex King, the Wasps fly-half who became the 10th new cap on the tour when he replaced Mallinder 20 minutes from time, summed up England's determination. "I was so hungry to make my debut and enjoyed every minute of it," he suid. "It wus unemorable experience, especially as I managed to score a try, and the challenge now is to ity to retain my place as part of the squad."

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lan Stafford meets Jacques Villeneuve, the leader not afraid to speak his mind Villeneuve, the Formula One

acques Villencuve is holding court inside the William-Renaolt enclosure at Silverstone. Pleased with himself after a successful day's testing, he greets sponsor after sponsor with a smile, and autograph hunters, of which there were many with a signature.

bromising apprentice learning his trade. One year on, and very much in pole position in terms of his car, performances so far, and the superiority of his car, villeneuve feels much more like the finished article. he happy with right now. Last ormula Ooc, he was seen as the

"There's a luge difference this year," he happily admits. "From the very first lap I can push and feel the car. It takes a lot less time to get up to speed and be competitive. Last year it was taking me as much as 20 laps. Now I have nothing to learn, I just need to improve on what I do. I learned all the basics last year."

Canadian reusons. "But Cannda has to be the miaportant ruce to the year for me. Montreal's setal. There's great support for me there and the facem to be a little more respectful than their ropean counterparts." "Monte Carlo's great because I've lived there for to long and it's Monte Curlo, isn't it?" the French Canadian reusons. "But Canada has to be the most

In a vory short amount of time Villeneuve has made himself noticed, and not just because of his daredevil dribing on the grand prix circuit. Away from his car, the 1995 ladyCar champion has not been afraid to speak his mind, knost recently regarding his concerns that his sport is hecooing too safe. By doing so he has carned himself a hit of u "bad boy" reputation.

For example, sample this offering when asked about the

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'I never got into Formula One thinking I've

ty that, didn't 17 I was pleased with that, but life elibad if I don't win the World I'll feel bad if I don't win the World like what's happending in F1," he says. "To ha politically correct in F1 you have to say that everything has to well, it's there for me to grab. I mean, it won't be served up on a silver platter for be safar. Let's all go at a speed of 120kph [75mph]. And do you know what? It's not because of Roland Ratzenthen it's a case of us losing it, not someone barger, it's because of Ayrton Senna. The short amount of time Villeneuve has made cause he was a friend. And they rophy: 'Ohyekh, yeah, but what about Ayrton?' He shakes his hesd at this and looks down at the table.

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How does he respond to people who say he wasn't around Formula Ooe when Senaa died at Imola, aod therefore should not he pressing for less safety? "I say that I lost my father to motor racing, so I know what I'm

talking about. I remember one IndyCar race when both Mario and Michael Andretti were involved. Mario had a horrendous crash and Michael went on to win.

He points his finger at nothing in partiquiar. "Now, that's what I admire. That's how you have to be in racing. Eyeo though the Andrettis were close, Michael went on to win."

Now these are the sort of comments that have earned on him his image. Villerieuve accepts this, but theo lauoch him his image. Villerieuve accepts this, but theo lauoch him his image. Villerieuve accepts this, but theo lauoch him his image that's been placed upon mo hecause I open d'il's an image that's been placed upon mo hecause I open my mouth and say what I helleve, that's nil. I'm not try ing to be different, or trying to bug people. I just open different, or trying to bug people. I just open up mouth when there's something I believe in and then as try and make an intelligent comment ubout it. I'm not live and had boy, but it doesn't please everyone, that's for sure."

In many ways, Villeneuve is a throwback to the days when Formula One was about the drivers and the races, when Formula One was about the drivers and the races,

got to beat my father. I've never wanted to

as too young."

young when Gilles Villeneuve died at Zolder durctice for the 1982 Belgian Grand Prix, is what he Last year he spent much of his time being the Gilles. This year not much has changed.

you know, there are still loads of people who

be in his shadow, or

nyone else say it? They do in a small room, but when is time to say something out foud and have an influter all you get is: 'Oh well, maybe they're the ones who tould make the decision.

"I reckon a lot of them have been pushed by their parnis because it was their own personal dreams." Weren't out though, Jacques, by your father? "I don't think so, o, I was too yours."

sonnething and then, five minutes' later, accept it. Everyone apart from Ferrari, for example, agrees that the change of the tyres next year is the wrong thing to do, but will anyone else say it? They do in a small room, but when

Hard driving and plain speoking:
Jacques
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never got into Fonnula One thinking that I've to heat my futher. No way, I've never wanted in is shudow, or to evershadow him. He was he was, and I um who I am. I'm super prouding his san, and it's important to me, but I'm he son the Gilles Villeneuve, the racing dribe son the maches the son the country was a superior of the son the country was a superior of the was a superi

I won in Spain it never crossed my mind on more races than my father until it was ut to me. The problem in admitting this sple will say that I negate my father; and hone so much for me. I'm not going against uccomplished a lot, and he's a legend.

icve. I accept it may be in qualifying, but not much in the ruces. Besides, it also puts added assure on me. Qualifying in third place for anneo, for example, was seen as terrible by the die. nised as ulready the arch-competitor, does with him that he is seen as having a hage to because of the Williams-Renault car?

ic seemed genuinely happy to talk for some that the higwigs from Williams-Remault rect his attention. What about this competiacs, though? Is it the same in everything here.

"I've always liked in win, in absolutely everything.
I doesn't have to be just sports. I'm not a bad loser, but I'll he competitive to the end. That's why I wouldn't have come to F1 if there hadn't heen a top team for me, have come to F1 if there hadn't heen a top team for me, il like so many other drivers do. They're just happy to be part of it, ending up in Europe in the minorities of Fnrmula One, I couldn't necept thut."

One final, hypothetical question. If I were to bent him at a computer game like Space Invaders, what would happen in the return match one week later? Vilteneuve, already on his way to his team hosses, stops in his tracks, turns round and looks me strulght in the eye.

'I'd heat you," he said, delivered with utmest certainty.

"Yep, without a doubt."

"How can you be so sure of that?" I ask.

"I'd practice non-stop, every single day to make sure."

came the reply as Jacques Villeneuve delivered a self-conscious smile. "That's why I'd win."

to overshadow him'

Wart-filled tale a sad superstar

The Bath lock Nigel Redman has become a British Lon THIRTEEN S13

A SION OF CHANGE AND A SION OF THE ANALYSIS OF

by Jimmy Burns (Bloomsbury, paperback, £6.99)

Imagine. You've just done a jobs on Diego Maradona. Hard but fair, you feel, but less Bowell to his Johnson than Goldman to his Lennon. It's all there: the drugs, the whores, the troupe of likely little Diegos round the world, the parties where he played lapdog to the Camorra, the ego the size of Augentina. And you want to give him a copy, to person, "Bravado" is one word for it, "Phain" and "stopid" are two others.

and is now out in paperback, did deliver a copy to the object of his attentions, in an Italian restaurant in London. Maradona was "unsure whether to thank me or break my mose," he reports in a postscript entitled, just in case there's any confusion. "The Slow Denth Of Diego Maradona". A few days after the London meeting, the wee man vented his spleen on Spanish radio, telling the world: "Borns has pissed all over me". That night, after a drinking spree, he was stranded in his hotel lift by a power failure, kicked the lift door until his foot bled and on his release by firemen spent the rest of the night kicking the basel foreitness and experience. God first came out last year beliver a copy to the object

The story Burns tells is of a man who could never have been the story Burns tells is of a man who could never have been just a footballer. He has always been commandeered for more sinister purposes, from the early days when the Argentine regime used him as a distraction from their vicious despotism (and he narrowly avoided being sold to Sheffield United), through to USA 94, when Fifta, needing his presence to help self the tournament to the Americans, assigned its general secretary Sepp Blatter to make sure his transfer negutiations from Napoli to Scrille went smoothly and that he was not hast to the game. Frootball matches were arenas for other battles; his single-handed victory over England in 1986, for example, was less a World Cup quarter-final, more a nation's revenge for handlistic, has worked hard and the baok is cranmed with detail. It's easy to overdo the tragic-hero imagery and Burns steers well clear of pretension, though there exuld be a little more steempt at explanation to go with all the exposition. And at times it jars stylistically, like a bud translation.

But the facts do the work as we see the 10-year-old Diego thrilling to the crowd's roar as he performs his half-time tricks at Argentinos Junious, through to that brutal image of the Buenos Aires police bursting in on a former genius lying wasted on a hed next to his coke stash. And on to the final scene in the book's first edition, Diego lecturing the Oxford Union on how football has sold its soul for money – this from a man determined to live the superstar likestyle to its most extravagant and opularly exposed by Burns, is desperately sad. Of course, where he went wring is obvious. He should have gone to Bramall Lane, the went wring is obvious. He should have gone to Bramall Lane.



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